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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
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Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing select committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is arranged alphabetically by committee name and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i>
<i>OTP ND</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>OTP ND/NT</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PASSED</i>	<i>Joint Order passed in both bodies</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is July 25, 2002.

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Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 479 allows the Finance Authority of Maine to pledge the existing Health Professions Loan Program revolving loan fund, including the revenue stream, when borrowing funds to be applied to the loan fund. By doing this, the law provides greater access to lower cost financing for Maine students attending medical schools. The law also allows the Finance Authority of Maine to purchase loans as necessary to comply with the United States Internal Revenue Code requirement that the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds issued for the funding of loans for higher education be disbursed within 3 years of issuance.

LD 1888

An Act to Allow Mechanics Licensed by the Manufactured Housing Board to Install and Maintain Oil Tanks

PUBLIC 633

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BENNETT	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	H-1005 RICHARDSON

LD 1888 proposed to permit mechanics licensed by the Manufactured Housing Board to install and maintain oil tanks to current standards.

House Amendment "A" (H-1005) which was adopted, proposed to strike the bill and do the following:

1. Create a limited license for the manufactured housing mechanics that gives them a limited license to install outside heating oil tanks at certain manufactured housing units;
2. Limit the fee that can be charged by this limited license to \$50 biennially;
3. Require a manufactured housing mechanic have at least 4 hours of training from an approved course in the proper installation of outside home heating oil tanks to be issued a limited license;
4. Change the Oil and Solid Fuel Board membership by adding a 7th member to the board and give service manager associations from the southern and northern parts of the State the ability to recommend board members to the Governor; and
5. Add an appropriations and allocations section.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-466), which was not adopted, proposed to strike the bill and do the following:

1. Create a limited license for the manufactured housing mechanics that gives them a limited license to install outside heating oil tanks at certain manufactured housing units;
2. Limit the fee that can be charged by this limited license to \$50 biennially;
3. Require that the manufactured housing mechanic have at least 4 hours of training from an approved course in the proper installation of outside home heating oil tanks to be issued a limited license;

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4. Change the Oil and Solid Fuel Board membership by adding a 7th member to the board, and broaden the membership to include the service manager associations from the southern and northern part of the State; and
5. Add an appropriations and allocations section.

Senate Amendment "B" (S-484), which was not adopted, proposed to strike the bill and do the following:

1. Create a limited license for the manufactured housing mechanics that gives them a limited license to install outside heating oil tanks at certain manufactured housing units;
2. Limit the fee that can be charged by this limited license to \$50 biennially;
3. Require that the manufactured housing mechanic have at least 4 hours of training from an approved course in the proper installation of outside home heating oil tanks to be issued a limited license;
4. Change the Oil and Solid Fuel Board membership by adding a 7th member to the board and give service manager associations from the southern and northern parts of the State the ability to recommend board members to the Governor; and
5. Add an appropriations and allocations section.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 633 does the following:

1. It creates a limited license for the manufactured housing mechanics that will give them a limited license to install outside heating oil tanks at certain manufactured housing units;
2. It limits the fee that can be charged by this limited license to \$50 biennially;
3. It requires that the manufactured housing mechanic have at least 4 hours of training from an approved course in the proper installation of outside home heating oil tanks to be issued a limited license; and
4. It changes the Oil and Solid Fuel Board membership by adding a 7th member to the board and gives service manager associations from the southern and northern parts of the State the ability to recommend board members to the Governor.

LD 1911

An Act Regarding Certain Educational Requirements for Licensed Social Workers

PUBLIC 542

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DAGGETT	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM MAJ OTP MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-435
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LD 1911 proposed to reverse changes made by Public Law 2001, chapter 316, which created the position of licensed bachelor social worker and established standards and educational requirements for the position. The bill proposed to retroactively reverse those changes to their effective date of September 21, 2001.