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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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Joint Standing Committee on Labor

employees of the MTCS may elect to join the retirement system under the same conditions. The law also allows both employees of the MTCS who are former members of the Maine State Retirement System and those who are not former members of the Maine State Retirement System and who elect to join or rejoin the retirement system under this law to purchase service credit under the retirement system for the period of time they participated in the defined contribution plan offered by the MTCS if they pay to the retirement system the full actuarial cost of the benefit associated with that service.

LD 1912 **An Act to Ensure that Recipients of Trade Adjustment Assistance Retain Eligibility for Unemployment Compensation** ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MICHAUD MH SAXL	ONTP	

LD 1912 proposed to specify that an applicant for trade adjustment assistance who is initially denied but ultimately is granted such assistance does not become ineligible for unemployment compensation upon voluntarily leaving a job that pays less than 80% of the average weekly wage received in the individual's previous position.

LD 1945 **An Act to Promote Organ Donation** **PUBLIC 684**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARLEY BROMLEY	OTP-AM	H-840 S-554 GOLDTHWAIT

LD 1945 proposed to amend the family and medical leave act to allow a person to take leave from work to donate an organ for human transplantation.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-840) proposed to add an appropriation section to provide funds for reprinting and distribution of the Department of Labor's Regulation of Employment poster.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-554) proposed to remove the appropriation section and allow the Department to update the Regulation of Employment poster to reflect the organ donation provision when it next reprints the poster.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 684 amends the state Family and Medical Leave Act to authorize a person to take leave from his or her job in order to donate an organ to be used for human organ transplant.