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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
May 2002

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 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.

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:

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

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 Business and Economic Development

LD 1948

An Act to Clarify the Method of Sale for Heating Oil and Retail Motor Fuels

PUBLIC 491

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RICHARDSON SAWYER	OTP-AM	H-777

LD 1948 proposed to establish methods of sales of commodities that require labeling and the publishing of prices that will provide adequate information for consumers to make value price comparisons among companies selling heating oil or retail motor fuels using temperature-compensating technology and those using a traditional 231-cubic-inch-per-gallon measurement.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-777), which was adopted, proposed to amend the original bill by allowing a seller of commodities in liquid form to obtain approval from the State Sealer for regional use of temperature compensators in lieu of equipping the seller's entire fleet of vehicles with temperature compensators.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 491 establishes methods of sales of commodities that require labeling and the publishing of prices that will provide adequate information for consumers to make value price comparisons among companies selling heating oil or retail motor fuels using temperature-compensating technology and those using a traditional 231-cubic-inch-per-gallon measurement. The law also allows a seller of commodities in liquid form to obtain approval from the State Sealer for regional use of temperature compensators in lieu of equipping the seller's entire fleet of vehicles with temperature compensators.

LD 1972

An Act Regarding Trial Offers

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RICHARDSON SAWYER	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

LD 1972 proposed to allow merchants to provide consumers who had already agreed over the telephone to be charged for a good or service after a trial period with a written notice. Under the proposed bill, the written notice would have detailed the specific steps for cancellation of the purchase using a toll-free telephone number.

LD 1990

An Act to Regulate Professional Boxing

ONTP

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

LD 1990 proposed to repeal the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 115, which governs the Maine Athletic Commission and proposed to establish an alternative form of regulation under which the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation would act as the State's boxing commission for the purposes of the federal Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996, 15 United States Code, Sections 6301 to 6313. This bill also proposed to