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*Bill Summaries*

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on  
Labor*

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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 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](http://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:

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| <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 &amp; 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&amp;S XXX</i> .....                              | <i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; 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

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-846)** proposed to change the effective date of providing coverage for capital security officers under the 1998 Special Plan to July 1, 2002. The amendment also proposed to make technical corrections in the bill and to add an emergency preamble, emergency clause and a fiscal note to the bill.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 646 includes capital security officers in the Maine State Retirement System 1998 Special Plan effective July 1, 2002

Public Law 2001, chapter 646 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 1, 2002.

### **LD 2030**

**An Act to Establish the Administrative Operating Budget for the  
Maine State Retirement System for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30,  
2003** **P & S 60  
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report  
OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 2030 proposed to establish the Maine State Retirement System's annual operating budget for fiscal year 2002-03. The bill identifies the retirement system's personal services costs and its costs for all other operating expenses. It also indicates how the system's expenses are apportioned among the General Fund, Non-General Fund accounts and Participating Local Districts.

### *Enacted law summary*

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 60 establishes annual administrative operating budge of the Maine State Retirement System for fiscal year 2002-03.

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 60 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 1, 2002.

### **LD 2034**

**An Act to Provide Fairness in State Bid Criteria**

**ONTP**

Sponsor(s)  
CARR  
MICHAUD MH

Committee Report  
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 2034 proposed to give preference in the award of construction and public works contracts by the State and its political subdivisions to in-state bidders, provided their bids are no more than 10% over bids submitted by out-of-state bidders.