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120th Legislature*

Second Regular Session

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Judiciary*

May 2002

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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 Judiciary

LD 2105

An Act to Enact the Maine Professional Service Corporation Act

ONTP

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 2105 proposed to repeal the Professional Service Corporation Act and replace it with a new chapter of law governing professional service corporations. The substance of LD 2105 was folded into LD 361, which was enacted as Public Law 2001, chapter 640.

LD 2131

**An Act to Develop a Controlled Substances Prescription
Monitoring and Intervention Program**

ONTP

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LD 2131 was jointly referred to the Joint Standing Committees on Business and Economic Development and Judiciary, pursuant to Joint Order SP 769. The bill proposed the establishment of a controlled substances prescription monitoring and intervention program, including a computerized program to track each prescription for a controlled substance listed in schedule II, III or IV that is filled by a pharmacy that is registered with the Maine Board of Pharmacy.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-518), a minority report, proposed to replace the bill. The amendment proposed to direct the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services, Office of Substance Abuse to study the feasibility and advisability of establishing a controlled substances prescription monitoring and intervention program. The amendment proposed to direct the Office of Substance Abuse to make recommendations related to the implementation of the program, including the controlled substances to be included in the program, intervention and enforcement issues and confidentiality issues. The amendment also proposed to require the Office of Substance Abuse to report back to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business and economic development matters by January 2, 2003 and proposed to authorize the committee to report out a bill during the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature. (Not adopted)

Committee Amendment "B" (S-519), a minority report, proposed to remove the controlled substances prescription monitoring and intervention program from the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation and place it with the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services, Office of Substance Abuse. This amendment also proposed to require the Office of Substance Abuse and the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine Board of Pharmacy to develop the program by January 1, 2004. (Not adopted)

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "B" (H-1067) proposed to provide that the Office of Substance Abuse develop and administer the controlled substances prescription monitoring and intervention program. (Not adopted)