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*State Of Maine
120th Legislature*

Second Regular Session

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Taxation*

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 Taxation

LD 2110

An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services to be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2002-2003

**P&S 64
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-914
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LD 2110 proposed to establish municipal cost components for state and county services provided to the unorganized territory that would be paid for by a municipality. The municipal cost components constitute the property tax for the unorganized territory.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-914) proposed to make changes to the amount authorized for county services in Somerset County and Piscataquis County to reflect decreases for capital reserves for certain airports and an increase in Somerset County for ambulance services.

Enacted Law Summary:

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 64 establishes municipal cost components for state and county services provided to the unorganized territory that would be paid for by a municipality. The municipal cost components constitute the property tax for the unorganized territory. This bill was enacted as an emergency measure and took effect April 2, 2002.

LD 2122

An Act to Fairly Assess Sales Tax on Vehicles

INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DUNLAP CATHCART		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-1013
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LD 2122 proposed to provide that casual sales of certain vehicles would be exempt from sales tax when sold to a corporation, partnership, limited liability company or limited liability partnership when the seller is the owner of less than a majority of common stock of the corporation or has an ownership interest in the partnership, limited liability company or limited liability partnership or the seller is the spouse of an owner or a person with an ownership interest. The bill proposed to apply this change retroactively to January 1, 2001.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-1013) proposed to restrict the application of the bill by extending the sales tax exemption for certain casual sales only to sales by the spouse of an owner of the majority interest in a corporation, limited liability company or limited liability partnership to the corporation, company or partnership.

This bill was indefinitely postponed when removed from the Special Appropriations Table.