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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 Criminal Justice

LD 2148

Resolve, to Require the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission to Report Regarding Methods to Improve the Recruitment and Retention of Firefighters and the Provision of Healthcare

RESOLVE 91

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report
OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 2148, a resolve, proposed to require the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission to report back to the Legislature regarding recruitment and retention of firefighters in Maine and regarding the provision of health care to firefighters. The resolve proposed that the commission submit its report and implementing legislation to the Legislature by December 16, 2002.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2001, chapter 91 requires the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission to report back to the Legislature regarding the recruitment and retention of firefighters in Maine and regarding the provision of health care to firefighters. The commission shall submit its report and implementing legislation to the Legislature by December 16, 2002.

LD 2160

An Act to Amend the Maine Criminal Code to Address Terrorism

PUBLIC 634

Sponsor(s)
BENNETT
POVICH

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
S-499

LD 2160 proposed to amend the Maine Criminal Code to address terrorism by:

1. Amending the statute of limitations as it relates to crimes involving terrorism by specifying that no statute of limitations exists for bringing a prosecution for terroristic murder and by specifying that the statute of limitations may be extended no more than 10 years for the crimes of terrorism, criminal possession or use of weapon of mass destruction or terrorism by threat while the person is outside the state. If the person is not outside the state, the current 5-year statute of limitations applies to these 3 crimes;
2. Providing that a person is guilty of aggravated attempted murder if that person commits attempted murder and, at the time of that person's actions, the person's intent to kill was accompanied by terroristic intent;
3. Amending the laws governing the crime of causing a catastrophe by adding new causes and definitions; and
4. Establishing the crimes of: terrorism, a Class A crime; terroristic murder, a crime which carries a presumptive life sentence unless court determines that exceptional features justify imposition of a definite period of not less than 25 years of imprisonment; criminal possession or use of a weapon of mass destruction, a Class A crime; and terrorism by threat, a Class B crime.