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*State Of Maine
120th Legislature*

Second Regular Session

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

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 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).

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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

animal welfare laws. It proposed language to clarify that trapping animals is a violation of the cruelty to animals provisions except as permitted under the laws administered by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. It proposed additional cross-references in statutes regarding surcharges and funds received by the courts.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 617 clarifies that the courts must pay to the towns fines and forfeitures imposed for violations of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, Part 9 and the municipal clerk must deposit the money in the town's animal welfare account. It imposes a surcharge of \$10 on forfeitures for civil violations of the animal welfare laws. It imposes a surcharge of 10% on fines for criminal violations of the animal welfare laws. The surcharge must be deposited in the state Animal Welfare Fund. It allocates from the Animal Welfare Fund to fund 2 District Humane Agents and a Veterinarian positions. It eliminates funding for 4 of the 7 Intermittent State Humane Agents.

LD 2156

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Relating to Review of the Land for Maine's Future Board Under the Government Evaluation Act

PUBLIC 548

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 2156 proposed requiring the Land for Maine's Future Board to include in its annual report an update on projects acquired and managed by a cooperating entity. It proposed allowing the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to dispose of interest in land. It also proposed dates for the next review of several agencies under the Government Evaluation Act.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 548 requires the Land for Maine's Future Board to include in its annual report an update on projects acquired and managed by a cooperating entity. It allows the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to dispose of interest in land. It also establishes dates for the next review of several agencies reviewed during the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature under the Government Evaluation Act by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

LD 2168

Resolve, Authorizing Certain Land Transactions by the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands

RESOLVE 108

Sponsor(s)
MARTIN
BUNKER

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
S-511
S-513 MARTIN

LD 2168 proposed authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation to convey 3 relatively small parcels of public reserved lands.