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Bill Summaries

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
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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:

<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 & 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&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & 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 Criminal Justice

LD 2167

An Act to Improve Public Safety by Regulating the Installation and Inspection of Fire Alarm Systems

ONTP

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 2167 proposed to enact the fire alarm system contractor certification program to regulate the installation and inspection of fire alarm systems over a specified size in those buildings in which fire alarm systems are required, such as certain facilities licensed by the Department of Human Services, high-rise buildings, educational facilities for students through the 12th grade, dormitories, hotels, mercantile and business buildings with a square footage in excess of 12,000 feet, places of assembly with an occupancy load of 300 people or more, apartment buildings and all municipal and State-owned buildings.

LD 2167 proposed that a person who plans, installs, modifies or inspects a fire alarm system in one of the regulated structures is required to obtain certification from Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. or another nationally recognized independent testing company that has been approved by the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal and present this certification to the State Fire Marshal in order to be licensed. The bill proposed that the State Fire Marshal must provide inspection stickers to be placed on the fire alarm system indicating that the system is in proper working condition. The bill proposed that the State Fire Marshal may set licensing fees and inspection sticker costs in an amount that creates sufficient revenue to maintain the fire alarm system contractor certification program.

LD 2167 proposed that this program be phased in over a 3-year period. The bill proposed that persons installing or inspecting fire alarm systems in facilities licensed by the Department of Human Services, high-rise buildings and educational facilities for students through the 12th grade must comply by May 1, 2003. The bill proposed that full compliance for all other regulated structures is required by May 1, 2005.

The Fire Protection Services Commission proposed this bill. LD 2167 was not enacted, and the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice referred the issues in the bill back to the Fire Protection Services Commission for the commission to rework in cooperation with interested parties.

LD 2173

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice Regarding the Review of the Department of Public Safety under the State Government Evaluation Act

PUBLIC 697

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted
S-551 GOLDTHWAIT

LD 2173 was a committee bill and the majority report. LD 2173 was proposed to implement recommendations pursuant to the committee's review of the Department of Public Safety under the State Government Evaluation Act. The bill proposed to do the following:

1. Remove Maine Emergency Medical Services from the list of agencies that the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over human resource matters reviews for purposes of the State