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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 Business and Economic Development

Committee Amendment "A" (H-960), which was not adopted, was the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development pursuant to Joint Order 2001, H.P. 1586. The amendment proposed to strike a section of the committee bill that makes it a Class E crime to unlawfully sell a new personal sports mobile without a current and valid franchise with a personal sports mobile manufacturer. Instead, the amendment proposed to make violation of this section a civil violation. The amendment also proposed to strike 2 sections of the committee bill that amend the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12 to require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or the commissioner's designee or a municipal agent to determine whether or not a new snowmobile was purchased from a new snowmobile dealer holding a valid and current franchise with a manufacturer of the brand of snowmobile being registered and that requires a person in the business of selling new or used snowmobiles to register as a dealer and to obtain a dealer's license from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

House Amendment "A" (H-1012), which was adopted, proposed to remove the provision that would have required the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and municipal agents to make determinations regarding the validity of franchise agreements prior to registering new snowmobiles. Further, the amendment proposed to add language to the bill authorizing any law enforcement officer to enforce the unlawful sales provision.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 616 makes a number of changes to the laws governing the unlawful sale of new personal sports mobiles. Among other things, it amends the definition of "new personal sports mobile" to include those new personal sports mobiles not previously registered in this State or any other state or for which sales tax has not been paid in this State or any other state. The law also requires that a personal sports mobile dealer hold a valid franchise from a manufacturer to sell a new personal sports mobile. The bill also makes it a Class E crime for a person to unlawfully sell a new personal sports mobile. The law also authorizes any law enforcement officer to enforce the unlawful sales provision.

LD 2194

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$15,000,000 for Biomedical Research and Development Equipment and Infrastructure

INDEF PP

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

H-1004 RICHARDSON

LD 2194 was a report of the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development pursuant to Joint Order 2001, HP 1610 and proposed to create a bond issue in the amount of \$15,000,000 that would be used for biomedical research and development by Maine-based nonprofit and state research institutions.

House Amendment "A" (H-1004) adds a fiscal note to the bill.