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Second Regular Session

Bill Summaries

Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance

May 2002

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120th Legislature Second Regular Session

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 XXXCI	hapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	House & Senate disagree; bill died
DIED IN CONCURRENCEOne body as	ccepts 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
	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	
OTP ND/NT	Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
P&S XXX	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
	Joint Order passed in both bodies
	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX	Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED	
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.

Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance

Public Law 2001, chapter 708 permits the Board of Directors to establish procedures and adopt rules for different risk pools and a risk adjustment mechanism for the plan. Legislative review and approval is required before final adoption of any rules adopted relating to the establishment of risk pools or a risk adjustment mechanism.

Public Law 2001, chapter 708 also requires the Board of Directors, the Superintendent of Insurance and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over insurance matters to report to the Legislature regarding the feasibility of requiring all insurance carriers to offer only board-authorized plans by January 1, 2005.

LD 2198

An Act to Provide Maine State Retirement System Representation on the State Employee Health Commission

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> <u>Committee Report</u> <u>Amendments Adopted</u> EDMONDS OTP-AM S-516

LD 2198 proposed to add representation from the Maine State Retirement System to the State Employee Health Commission.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-516) replaced the bill and added a labor and a management member representing the Maine State Retirement System to the State Employee Health Commission. The amendment also added a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 636 adds a labor and a management member representing the Maine State Retirement System to the State Employee Health Commission.

PUBLIC 636