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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Business, Research and Economic Development*

July 2003

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing and joint 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>CARRIED OVER PURSUANT TO HP 1212</i>	<i>Bills carried over to the 2nd Regular Session</i>
<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>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 that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 13, 2003.

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Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development

Public Law 2003, chapter 85 increases the monetary amount at which a written home construction contract is required from \$1,400 to \$3,000. It also allows a change in the commencement and completion dates of a project if the contractor is unable to work at the project site due to circumstances beyond the control of the contractor.

LD 296

An Act Regarding the Licensing of Foresters

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCKEE TREAT	ONTP	

LD 296 proposed to require the Board of Licensure of Foresters to send a renewal notice prior to the expiration of a forester's license and a second notice to a forester who fails to renew within 30 days of the expiration of a license. This bill also proposed to allow a person whose license expired December 31, 2001 or December 31, 2002 to be reinstated as a licensed forester.

LD 307

An Act To Allow Licensed Master Social Workers To Contract with Agencies in the State

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAVERRIERE-BOUC BROMLEY	ONTP	

LD 307 proposed to allow licensed master social workers to perform social work for an agency on a contractual basis. Under the proposed bill, this work would have fulfilled licensure requirements.

LD 335

An Act To Stimulate Economic Growth in Northern Penobscot County

**DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CATHCART CARR	OTP-AM	S-65

LD 335 proposed to provide funds for the business development program within the Department of Economic and Community Development to continue funding for the contracted Economic Development Director position for the Lincoln Lakes Region Development Corporation.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-65) proposed to replace the bill. It proposed to reduce the appropriation for the business development program within the Department of Economic and Community Development from \$64,450 in FY 2003-04 and \$66,950 in FY 2004-05 to \$50,000 in fiscal year 2003-04 only for the contracted Economic Development Director position for the Lincoln Lakes Region Development Corporation.

LD 335 died on adjournment, but the substance of the bill was funded in the "Part 1 Budget," PL 2003, chapter 20.