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*State Of Maine  
121st Legislature*

*First Regular Session*

*Bill Summaries*

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

*July 2003*

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### 121st Maine Legislature First Regular Session

#### 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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 &amp; 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&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; 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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**LD 708**                      **An Act To Allow Limited Sunday Sales of Automobiles**                      **ONTP**

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

LD 708 proposed to allow a motor vehicle dealership to be operated on Sunday between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. if that business is located within 10 miles of the New Hampshire border.

**LD 710**                      **An Act To Amend the Membership of the Plumbers' Examining Board**                      **PUBLIC 446**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRYANT	OTP-AM    MAJ	S-157
PATRICK	ONTP        MIN	S-222    BRYANT

LD 710 proposed to amend the membership of the Plumbers' Examining Board to add a 6th member who is a master plumber and also a member of a bona fide labor organization.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-157)**, which was the committee's majority report and was adopted, proposed to maintain the current number of board members at 5, 2 of whom are master plumbers, but retain the bill's requirement that one of the 2 master plumbers on the board also be a member of a bona fide labor organization.

**Senate Amendment "A" (S-222)** proposed to add an effective date of September 21, 2004 and make changes to be consistent with changes made to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 3401 by Public Law 2003, chapter 107 to take effect June 19, 2005.

***Enacted Law Summary***

Public Law 2003, chapter 446 changes the membership of the Plumbers' Examining Board by requiring that one of the 2 members of the board who are master plumbers must also be a member of a bona fide labor organization. The law takes effect on September 21, 2004. The law should be read in conjunction with Public Law 2003, chapter 107 which also affects the composition of the Plumbers' Examining Board.

**LD 735**                      **An Act to Increase Faculty in Maine Nursing Education Programs**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RICHARDSON J DOUGLASS	ONTP	

LD 735 proposed to create the nursing education loan repayment program and fund, to be administered by the Finance Authority of Maine, for the purpose of increasing nursing faculty at nursing education programs in the State. Under the proposed bill, the program would repay up to \$4,500 of education loans for a master's degree and up to \$6,000 of education loans for a doctoral degree for a nurse who commits to working as faculty in a nursing

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education program in the State for a minimum of 3 years after acceptance into the program. This bill also proposed to appropriate \$50,000 from the General Fund each year for the next 2 years to finance the program.