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*State Of Maine
121st Legislature*

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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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LD 748

Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor To Publish Annually Economic and Workforce Information Concerning the Canadian Maritime Provinces

RESOLVE 15

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SHERMAN		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-184
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LD 748 proposed to direct the Department of Labor and the Department of Economic and Community Development to include in their economic and workforce comparison reports data comparing the economy and workforce of the Canadian Maritime Provinces to the economy and workforce of the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-184) proposed to replace the resolve. The amendment proposed to direct only the Department of Labor, rather than the Department of Labor and the Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide information comparing the economy and workforce of the Canadian Maritime Provinces to the economy and workforce of the State. The amendment also proposed to replace the resolve's specific direction that the information be provided in existing regional economic and workforce comparison reports with a general direction that the department publish the information annually.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2003, chapter 15 directs the Department of Labor to provide information comparing the economy and workforce of the Canadian Maritime Provinces to the economy and workforce of the State. The resolve directs the department to publish the information annually.

LD 764

An Act To Ensure Choice for Maine Consumers

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MAYO PATRICK		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 764 proposed to allow cigarette manufacturers and retailers to enter into promotional or discount agreements. The bill proposed to prohibit cigarette manufacturers from requiring that the retailer do the following:

1. Dedicate a specified percentage of its shelf space to the manufacturer; or
2. Cease or limit its stocking of, or raise its prices on, cigarettes from a competing manufacturer.

The bill also proposed to bar manufacturers from dictating the size or location of the space used by the retailer to stock, display, promote or advertise cigarettes.

As proposed, the bill would not have applied to contracts or agreements in existence on its effective date, but would have applied to renewals or extensions. The bill also proposed to provide for enforcement by the Attorney General and by a private right of action.