

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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*State Of Maine  
121st Legislature*

*Second Regular Session and  
Second Special Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

*May 2004*

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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/billsumm.htm](http://www.state.me.us/legis/opla/billsumm.htm)).

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 XXX.....	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE .....	Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES.....	House & Senate disagree; bill died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE.....	One body accepts 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
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE.....	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 .....	Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
P&S XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PASSED.....	Joint Order passed in both bodies
PUBLIC XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX.....	Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED.....	Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED .....	Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is April 30, 2004; and non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Special Session is July 30, 2004. Four bills (LD's 1572, 1629, 1636 and 1637) that were considered at the First Special Session in August 2003 are also included in these summaries.

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**Committee Amendment “A” (S-391)** proposed to provide ongoing funds for publicity, signs, kiosks, brochures and other materials and services associated with promoting Franco-American heritage and the Kennebec-Chaudiere International Corridor in fiscal year 2004-05 only.

**Senate Amendment “A” to Committee Amendment “A” (S-591)** proposed to provide ongoing funds for publicity, signs, kiosks, brochures and other materials and services associated with promoting the Kennebec-Chaudiere International Corridor.

***Enacted Law Summary:***

Private and Special 2003, chapter 49 provides on-going funds beginning in fiscal year 2004-05 for publicity, signs, kiosks, brochures and other materials and services associated with promoting the Kennebec-Chaudiere International Corridor.

**LD 1249**                      **An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Quality Child Care Tax Credit**                      **ONTP**

Sponsor(s) SIMPSON DOUGLASS	Committee Report ONTP	Amendments Adopted
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LD 1249 was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation, recommitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and carried over from the First Regular Session. The bill proposed to provide that a taxpayer that made an investment in child care services certified under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 5219-Q during the tax year would be eligible for the tax credit provided in that section. A taxpayer would not be required to own or operate a child care site to be eligible for the tax credit.

**LD 1292**                      **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$20,000,000 for Capital Projects and Major Maintenance at State and Municipal Parks and Historic Sites, for Acquiring Land for Coastal and Inland Waterway Access and for Capitalizing a Revolving Loan Fund for Land Trusts and Municipalities To Acquire Land and Conservation Easements for Public Access**                      **ONTP**

Sponsor(s) DAGGETT COLWELL	Committee Report ONTP	Amendments Adopted
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LD 1292 was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed to provide funds in the amount of \$20,000,000 to be used to make capital improvements and conduct major maintenance at state parks and

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historic sites, to acquire land for coastal and inland waterway access and to capitalize a revolving loan fund for land trusts and municipalities to acquire land and conservation easements for public access.

**LD 1536**                      **An Act To Authorize the State To Establish a Multijurisdictional Lottery or Lottery Games**                      **ONTP**

Sponsor(s) GAGNON	Committee Report ONTP	Amendments Adopted
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LD 1536 was originally referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs, rereferred to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and carried over from the First Regular Session. The bill proposed to authorize the Director of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into an agreement with a multijurisdictional lottery association to operate, market and promote a joint lottery or lottery games.

LD 1919, Public Law 2003, chapter 673, Part MM authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into an agreement with a multijurisdictional lottery association to operate, market and promote a joint lottery or lottery games and provides related allocations.

**LD 1569**                      **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$16,800,000 To Construct and Upgrade Water Pollution Control Facilities, To Remediate Solid Waste Landfills, To Clean Up Uncontrolled Hazardous Substance Sites and To Make Drinking Water System Improvements**                      **ONTP**

Sponsor(s) TREAT COWGER	Committee Report ONTP	Amendments Adopted
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LD 1569 was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed to authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$16,800,000 to be used for the following purposes:

1. The sum of \$2,500,000 to construct and upgrade water pollution control facilities, providing the state match for \$12,500,000 in federal funds;
2. The sum of \$10,000,000 to provide grants to construct water pollution control facilities;
3. The sum of \$2,150,000 to clean up uncontrolled hazardous substance sites;
4. The sum of \$350,000 to remediate solid waste landfills; and