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Bill Summaries

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

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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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with the Treasurer of State. The law also expressly grants the Maine Rural Development Authority the power to make loans under the commercial facilities development program, expands the types of buildings the authority may invest in under that program to include any buildings suitable for adaptive reuse as commercial or industrial facilities and eliminates the requirement that a separate fund to be set up for the program. Additionally, the law designates the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development as the chair of the Maine Rural Development Authority's board of trustees.

LD 1409

An Act To Update the Process for the Allocation of the State Ceiling on Tax-exempt Bonds

**PUBLIC 112
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAGGETT COLWELL	OTP-AM	S-41

LD 1409 proposed to update provisions for the allocation of the state ceiling for tax-exempt bonds to allow the Governor to name a nonprofit corporation or state agency to serve as a secondary market for student loans that are eligible to receive an allocation of a portion of the state ceiling and to vote on the overall allocation of the state ceiling for tax-exempt bonds.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-41) proposed to add an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2003, chapter 112 updates provisions for the allocation of the state ceiling for tax-exempt bonds to allow the Governor to name a nonprofit corporation or state agency that is eligible to receive an allocation of a portion of the state ceiling and to vote on the overall allocation of the state ceiling for tax-exempt bonds to serve as a secondary market for student loans.

Public Law 2003, chapter 112 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 6, 2003.

LD 1410

An Act To Eliminate State Licensing of Boxers, Wrestlers and Transient Sellers

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BROMLEY SULLIVAN		

LD 1410 proposes to eliminate state licensing of boxers, wrestlers and transient sellers.