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*State Of Maine
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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Appropriations And Financial Affairs*

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 APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
NNN	NNN-1: NNN-8	Authorizes the establishment of the Pine Tree Development Zone program which allows qualified businesses in the manufacturing, target technology and financial services sectors to receive favorable tax benefits as a result of new or expanded investment within a designated zone. (LD 1385)

Public Law 2003, chapter 451 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 12, 2003, unless a provision indicates otherwise.

LD 1628 **Resolve, Concerning Reauthorization of a 1997 Pollution Control Bond Issue** **RESOLVE 72**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN KOFFMAN	OTP	

LD 1628 proposed to reauthorize \$1,000,000 in bonds not yet issued from a \$13,000,000 bond issue for pollution control approved by the voters of the State in November 1997, pursuant to Public Law 1997, chapter 561. Two million dollars of the bond issue was for tire stockpile abatement and \$1,000,000 of this amount remains unissued.

The \$1,000,000 remaining from the 1997 bond issue was not previously issued because approximately \$1,700,000 in previously available dedicated funds and additional money from already issued bonds were expended first and were sufficient to meet obligations to date.

Under the Constitution of Maine, bonds may be issued any time within the first 5 years of the date of ratification by the voters. When the 5-year period has expired, the bonds may not be issued unless the Legislature acts on the matter. By majority vote, the Legislature may extend the 5-year time frame by an additional 5 years if the body takes action within 2 years of the original expiration date. If the Legislature fails to take action within those 2 years, the bond issue is considered deauthorized.

Senate Amendment “A” (S-252) proposed to incorporate a fiscal note.

Enacted law summary:

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