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*State Of Maine
121st Legislature*

*Second Regular Session and
Second Special Session*

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Insurance and Financial Services*

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).

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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Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services

LD 1678

An Act To Guarantee That Consumers Receive Notification of Insurance Policy Cancellation

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> HALL		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1678 proposed to require all insurance companies to send cancellation notices by certified mail, return receipt requested for all lines of insurance, except workers' compensation.

LD 1698

An Act To Join the Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Compact

PUBLIC 680

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LAFOUNTAIN O'NEIL		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-389 S-565 CATHCART
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LD 1698 proposed to establish the Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Compact and the Interstate Product Regulation Commission to facilitate the regulation of individual and group annuity, life, disability income and long-term care insurance products.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-389) proposed to clarify an inconsistency in the bill relating to the legal status of the proposed Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Compact Commission and add a section appropriating funds to cover any expenses of legislators who may serve on an advisory committee to the Interstate Product Regulation Commission.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-565) removed the appropriations section.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2003, chapter 680 authorizes the State of Maine's membership in the Multi-state Insurance Product Regulation Compact. The law establishes the Compact to facilitate the regulation of individual and group annuity, life, disability income and long-term care insurance products. Under the Compact, the compacting states will establish a joint public agency, the Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Commission, to develop uniform standards for insurance products and to provide a single-point entry for filing of insurance products and rates.