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State Of Maine 122nd Legislature

First Regular Session and First Special Session

Bill Summaries

Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans' Affairs

August 2005

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Summary of Legislation Considered by the Joint Standing Committees August 2005

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 organized by committees 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. A subject index for each committee is included immediately before the bill summaries for that committee, and a numerical index by LD number is included 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:

CARRIED OVER	Bill Carried Over to Second Pegular Session
CON RES YYY	Bill Carried Over to Second Regular SessionChapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
DIED BETWEEN RODIES	
	One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
FMED ON ADJOURNMENT	
EMERGENCI	GEEnacted taw takes effect sooner than 90 days GEEmergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
FAILED EMERGENCI ENACIMENT/FINAL PASSA	Dill Cailed to get 2/3 vote
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE	Bill failed to get majority vote
NOT PROPERLY RECORD THE PORY	Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY	
INDEF PP	Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died Bill Indefinitely Postponed Ought Not To Pass report accepted
ONTP	
<i>OTP ND</i>	
<i>OTP ND/NT</i>	
P&S XXX	
PUBLIC XXX	
RESOLVE XXX	
UNSIGNED	
VETO SUSTAINED	Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is *June 29, 2005*; and for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session is *September 17, 2005*.

Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans' Affairs

LD 677

Resolve, Regarding Access to Geographic Information System Data

ONTP

Sponsor(s) BROMLEY CROSBY Committee Report ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 677 directs the Maine Emergency Management Agency to develop reasonable restrictions on who may access state geographic information system data. It also requires the Maine Emergency Management Agency to establish and collect identifying information from anyone wishing to access such data, including but not limited to personal identification, address and the purpose for which the data is being requested.

LD 685

An Act To Waive Continuing Education Requirements and To Provide an Automatic Extension of a License, Certificate or Registration for Mobilized Military Members **PUBLIC 111**

Sponsor(s) BROMLEY SMITH N Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted

S-121

LD 685 proposed to grant a waiver of continuing education requirements for licenses, certifications and registrations of mobilized members of the military during a mobilization period and for 6 months thereafter. It would also extend licenses, certificates and registrations to engage in a profession or occupation for mobilized military members during a mobilization period plus 6 months.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-121) proposed to grant a waiver of certain lobster apprentice and commercial fishing license requirements for members of the National Guard or the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces who are on active duty.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 111 provides a waiver of continuing education requirements for licenses, certifications and registrations of mobilized members of the military during a mobilization period and for 6 months thereafter. It also extends licenses, certificates and registrations to engage in a profession or occupation for mobilized military members during a mobilization period plus 6 months. Public Law 2005, chapter 111 also provides for a waiver of certain lobster apprentice and commercial fishing license requirements for members of the National Guard or the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces who are on active duty.