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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
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Summary of Legislation Considered by the Joint Standing Committees
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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 Regular Session
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
OTP ND/NT..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
P&S XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
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 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 Health and Human Services

LD 1072

An Act To Require Health Care Providers To Contain Costs

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CANAVAN MAYO	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1072 proposed to repeal the voluntary requirement under the Dirigo Health laws asking hospitals to contain costs. The bill proposed to enact a mandatory requirement that hospitals contain costs.

LD 1136

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Legislative Youth Advisory Council

PUBLIC 309

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1136, submitted by the Legislative Youth Advisory Council, proposed to direct the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a standard form to be used to indicate approval by the department for children in the custody of the department to participate in school sports, field trips and other extracurricular activities.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 309 was submitted by the Legislative Youth Advisory Council. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a standard form to be used to indicate approval by the department for children in the custody of the department to participate in school sports, field trips and other extracurricular activities.

LD 1156

An Act To Protect Public Health by Clarifying the Laws Regarding Smoking in Public Places

PUBLIC 257

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> WALCOTT MAYO	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-421
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LD 1156 proposed to clarify certain definitions in the law governing smoking in public places, tighten the restrictions regarding exposure of children to secondhand smoke in day care facilities, remove the exemption for privately chartered buses, expand the application of the provision prohibiting retaliation, increase the range of fines that may be imposed for violation of the law and add an enforcement provision to the law that is consistent with enforcement provisions in other tobacco-related statutes.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 257 clarifies certain definitions in the law governing smoking in public places, tightens the restrictions regarding exposure of children to secondhand smoke in day care facilities, removes the exemption