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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Utilities and Energy*

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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 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
ONT P	Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OT P ND	Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
OT P 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 Utilities and Energy

LD 1373

An Act To Implement Emergency Medical Dispatch Services for E-9-1-1 Calls

PUBLIC 303

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ADAMS BARTLETT	OTP-AM	H-560

LD 1373 proposed to require the Emergency Services Communication Bureau within the Public Utilities Commission, in consultation with the Emergency Medical Services Board, to adopt rules governing certification of (qualifications for and standards to be observed by) providers of emergency medical dispatch services who respond to E-9-1-1 calls. Beginning in 2007, the rules would regulate the provision of emergency medical dispatch services in response to E-9-1-1 calls and require all persons handling E-9-1-1 calls to meet certain qualifications.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-560) proposed to amend the bill as follows:

1. Move the certification of emergency medical dispatch services from the Public Utilities Commission, Emergency Services Communication Bureau to the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Medical Services' Board;
2. Limit the application of the certification requirements to public safety answering points and their employees;
3. Provide funding from the E-9-1-1 fund to cover the Emergency Medical Services' Board's costs of implementing the certification requirements;
4. Provide that the Emergency Services Communication Bureau use the E-9-1-1 fund to pay the costs of training incurred by public safety answering points in meeting the certification requirements; and
5. Remove the penalty provision in the bill for violations of the certification requirements. Under current law, these violations would be grounds for licensing actions by the Emergency Medical Services' Board.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 303 requires the Emergency Medical Services Board, in consultation with the Emergency Services Communication Bureau within the Public Utilities Commission, to adopt rules governing qualifications for and standards to be observed by public service answering points (PSAPs) in responding to E-9-1-1 calls. Beginning in 2007, the rules regulate the provision of emergency medical dispatch services in response to E-9-1-1 calls and require all PASPs and their employees handling E-9-1-1 calls to meet certain standards and qualifications. Under current law, violations of these requirements will be grounds for licensing actions by the Emergency Medical Services' Board. Public Law 2005, chapter 303 provides funding from the E-9-1-1 fund to cover the costs of the Emergency Medical Services' Board in implementing the certification requirements. It also provides that the Emergency Services Communication Bureau use the E-9-1-1 fund to pay the costs of training incurred by PSAPs in meeting the certification requirements.