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*State Of Maine
122nd Legislature*

*First Regular Session and
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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on*

Business, Research and Economic Development

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 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.

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manufactured housing if the claimant has failed to comply with the notice and opportunity to repair requirements. This bill would require a manufacturer or dealer of manufactured housing contractor to provide notice of the provisions of this bill to a homeowner upon entering a home construction contract.

LD 1412

An Act To Protect Consumers Regarding Motor Vehicle Rentals

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PELLETIER-SIMPS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1412 proposed to require verification of the mileage of a motor vehicle before that motor vehicle is rented for a period of less than one year.

LD 1423

Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation and the Maine Community College System To Develop a Proposal To Certify Home Repair Tradespersons To Perform Limited Plumbing and Electrical Work

RESOLVE 105

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BURNS BARTLETT		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP MAJ ONTP MIN		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1423 proposed to direct the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation and the Maine Community College System to jointly develop a proposal to establish a certification program for home repair and renovation tradespersons to perform limited plumbing and electrical work. This resolve proposed to require the department and the system to solicit input from interested parties, including, but not limited to, the Electricians' Examining Board, the Plumbers' Examining Board and consumers of home repair, plumbing and electrical services.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2005, chapter 105 directs the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation and the Maine Community College System to jointly develop a proposal to establish a certification program for home repair and renovation tradespersons to perform limited plumbing and electrical work. The resolve directs the department and the system to solicit input from interested parties, including, but not limited to, the Electricians' Examining Board, the Plumbers' Examining Board and consumers of home repair, plumbing and electrical services.

LD 1427

An Act Regarding the Scope of Practice of Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialists

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CLOUGH BARTLETT		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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