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Bill Summaries

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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 1411 proposed to direct the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules to standardize the reporting of pricing information on the most common inpatient and emergency services and outpatient procedures by hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers. It also proposed to repeal the confidentiality provision in the laws covering mandatory reporting of sentinel events.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 391 directs the Maine Health Data Organization to develop and produce annual reports on average private-payer payments in health care facilities and to health care practitioners. It directs the Maine Health Data Organization to adopt routine technical rules to establish criteria for services and procedures and to standardize the manner of listing prices by hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1718.

LD 1417

An Act To Amend the Law Banning Smoking in Buildings Where Bingo or Beano Is Played BY REQUEST

ONTP

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

LD 1417 proposed to allow a beano or bingo hall to maintain a designated smoking area as long as the area is segregated from the main hall and sealed with a door; is equipped with a ventilation system; has a public address system and has the master board, flashboard or chalkboard visible to all players in both the smoking and nonsmoking areas; has a member of the licensee present in both the smoking and nonsmoking areas; and posts a sign listing the toll-free telephone number of the Maine Tobacco HelpLine administered by the Department of Health and Human Services in a visible location in the designated smoking area. This bill also proposed to direct the Department of Health and Human Services to provide signs listing the Maine Tobacco HelpLine toll-free telephone number to licensed beano or bingo hall operators who request the sign.

LD 1420

An Act To Establish a Maternal and Infant Death Review Panel

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PINGREE MARTIN		

LD 1420 proposed to direct the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a multidisciplinary panel to review maternal and infant death cases in this State. This panel, in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 1071, subchapter 11-A, would provide the panel with authority to gain access to relevant data including medical, public health, social service and mental health records and ensures that proceedings and records in the possession of the panel remain confidential and exempt from subpoena and legal discovery. The bill also proposed to permit the panel to contact families of the deceased to request additional information and offer grief support resources.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.