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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Business, Research and Economic Development*

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Summary of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 arranged alphabetically by committee name 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. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located 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/billsumm.htm).

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:

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
P&S XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PASSED.....	Joint Order passed in both bodies
PUBLIC XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX.....	Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED (Pocket Veto).....	Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED.....	Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 23, 2006.

Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development

LD 1508 **Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation To Conduct a Sunrise Review Regarding the Regulation of Fire Alarm Contractors** **RESOLVE 137**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> NASS R		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-468
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LD 1508, which was carried over from the First Regular Session, proposed to require that fire alarm system contractors in the State be licensed by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-468) proposed to replace the bill with a resolve. It proposed to direct the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to conduct an independent assessment of the regulation of fire alarm contractors. It proposed to direct the commissioner to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business, research and economic development matters no later than January 15, 2007 and authorize the joint standing committee to introduce a bill to the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature concerning the regulation of fire alarm contractors.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2005, chapter 137 directs the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to conduct an independent assessment of the regulation of fire alarm contractors. The resolve directs the commissioner to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business, research and economic development matters no later than January 15, 2007 and authorizes the joint standing committee to introduce a bill to the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature concerning the regulation of fire alarm contractors.

LD 1629 **An Act To Enable Bulk Purchasing of Heating Oil Eligible for Federal Reimbursement** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> RICHARDSON J MARTIN		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1629 was a concept draft. The bill proposed to provide the Maine State Housing Authority with the bonding authority to purchase heating oil in bulk from qualified vendors for persons who are eligible to receive assistance from the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program in advance of receipt of federal funds for that heating oil.