

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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*State Of Maine  
122nd Legislature*

*First Regular Session and  
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*Bill Summaries*

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*In Individual Committee Bill Summaries*

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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.

*Unreferenced Bills Not Included In Committee Summaries*

LD 1644

**An Act Regarding the Unused Pharmaceutical Disposal Program**

**PUBLIC 297  
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

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LD 1644 proposed to allow the acceptance into the Unused Pharmaceutical Disposal Program Fund of public funds that are not General Fund funds and change the beginning date of the program from July 1, 2005 to July 1, 2006.

*Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2005, chapter 297 allows the acceptance into the Unused Pharmaceutical Disposal Program Fund of public funds that are not General Fund funds and changes the beginning date of the program from July 1, 2005 to July 1, 2006. The law requires that the program operate with funding only from the Unused Pharmaceutical Disposal Program Fund and establishes the procedure for notification to the State Budget Officer that funding has been procured. The law authorizes operation of the program for 2 years when funding for 2 years has been procured.

Public Law 2005, chapter 297 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 2, 2005.

LD 1688

**An Act To Establish the Maine-New Hampshire Cooperative Trails**

**PUBLIC 456**

Sponsor(s)

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Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 1688 proposed to designate 2 trails in Maine and New Hampshire as the Maine-New Hampshire Cooperative Trails and allows a snowmobile registered in either Maine or New Hampshire to be operated on the portion of those trails located in Maine. It would require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules regarding the grooming and maintenance of the Maine-New Hampshire Cooperative Trails and payment or reimbursement for those services by users of the trails based on the average per mile cost of providing those services by Maine and New Hampshire. It would also require the Director of the Off-Road Vehicle Division of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation to work with the director of New Hampshire's snowmobile program to develop and place signs clearly identifying the Maine-New Hampshire Cooperative Trails.

*Enacted law summary*

Public Law, chapter 456 designates 2 trails in Maine and New Hampshire as the Maine-New Hampshire Cooperative Trails and allows a snowmobile registered in either Maine or New Hampshire to be operated on the portion of those trails located in Maine. It requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules regarding the grooming and maintenance of the Maine-New Hampshire Cooperative Trails and payment or reimbursement for those services by users of the trails based on the average per mile cost of providing those