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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 111th Legislature. The summaries are arranged alphabetically, and indexed separately by committee.

<u>LD</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	(Committee Report) <u>DISPOSITION</u>
2255	AN ACT TO LIMIT THE SALE OF LIQUORS WITH A HIGH PERCENT OF ALCOHOL.	Michael Stevens Cox	MAJ-ONTP(ACC) MIN-OTP

SUMMARY: Under this proposal, no person licensed to sell liquor for on-premises consumption may sell or serve any liquor containing 61 proof or more of alcohol.

2325	AN ACT TO PROHIBIT ANY TYPE OF GAMBLING MACHINE	Cox Dudley Perry Smith	OTP-ND ND of LD 1877 PL 1983, c. 705
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SUMMARY: LD 2325 as amended by House Amendment "A" regulates certain electronic video machines which feature electronically simulated gambling games on their screens. The bill does not regulate games of skill (such as Pac-man) or machines which are purely amusement devices because they do not offer prizes, free replays or anything else of value. The bill regulates machines which offer something of value, making them games of chance, and allows licensing of machines which offer nothing of value other than free game replays. This narrow exception to the general prohibition against machines and slot machines has many limits and controls written into the law.

2376	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AGE 21 AS THE LEGAL AGE TO PURCHASE OR CONSUME ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TO DETER DRINKING AND DRIVING BY MINORS	Joyce Crowley Hichens	A-OTP B-OTP-ND(See LD 2457) C-ONTP(ACC)
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SUMMARY: See LD 2457

2379	AN ACT TO AMEND THE LIQUOR LAWS TO PERMIT THE SALE OF BEER AND WINE AT OUTDOOR STADIUMS	Danton	MAJ-OTP-ND(ACC) MIN-ONTP (ND of LD 1852) PL 1983, c. 755
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SUMMARY: LD 1852, the original bill, allowed the sale of liquor at outdoor stadiums with 1,000 or more seats. The committee's majority report was OTP-ND, resulting in LD 2055. This draft allowed sale of beer and wine at outdoor stadiums with 5,000 or more seats under certain circumstances: a) no sales at events primarily involving minors, b) no sales in spectator stands, and c) sales only in plastic or paper cups. This draft also added an emergency provision. One of the numerous floor amendments (Senate Amendment "A") was adopted and did not allow sale or consumption in the spectator stands. The bill eventually was recommitted to Committee. The Committee again reported out 2 reports, ONTP as the minority report and OTP-ND as the majority report. This resulted in LD 2379 which is the same as LD 2055 except it removes the emergency provision, adds a sunset provision so the law will expire on September 30, 1985 and directs the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement to evaluate the law's effectiveness and report to the 112th Legislature when it convenes.