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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

LEGAL AFFAIRS

BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES JULY 1985

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

House Amendment "B" (H-310) (Not adopted) would have exempted candidates for county charter commissions (do not qualify through primaries) from the unenrolled voter signature limitations and equalizes the signature numbers.

House-Amendment "C" (H-336) (Not adopted) makes the same exemption as House Amendment "B" but reduces the signature requirement for presidential electors only.

LD:			ONCERNING LIAB Y DRUNKEN PERS		INJURIES	CLARK N PERKINS	
	OTP-AM		HOUSE Enacte SENATE Enacte GOV			PUBLIC CH #435	
	H-395	CA	REEVES	Н	S		
	H-480	CA	PERRY				
	H-484	CA	PERRY	Н	S		
	S-263	CA		Н	S		
	S-316	CA	N CLARK				

SUMMARY:

The original bill would have set limits of damages awarded to persons injured by drunk persons against sellers or givers of alcohol. It also would have established a one-year notice period as a requirement to maintain suit against the seller or giver.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-263) replaces the bill and makes sellers and givers of alcohol severally but not jointly liable for any injuries caused by a drunk person they served. It also establishes a two-year notice period.

House Amendment "A" (H-395) repeals the Act in 2 years. House Amendment "B" (H-480) (Not adopted) prohibits liquor licensees from buying liquor from agency stores. It adds a fiscal note of an increase of \$900,000 in State revenue the first year and \$1.2 million after that.

House Amendment "C" (H-484) does the same as House Amendment "B".

LD: (1579)	AN ACT CONCERNING THE MAINE BREWERIES	E LICENSING OF SMALL	SEWALL PERKINS
ND: 934			
	HOUSE Enacted SENATE Enacted		PUBLIC CH: # 300
H-241	GOV SIGNED HA REEVES	H S	011, # 300

SUMMARY:

This bill defines and creates a license for small Maine breweries. A small Maine brewery licensee may also operate one establishment for the sale of liquor for on-premise consumption.

House Amendment "A" (H-241) adds a fiscal note to reflect the \$500 addition to State revenues.