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BILL SUMMARY



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All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

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Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

|           |                                       |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| OTP       | Ought to Pass                         |
| OTP-ND    | Ought to Pass in New Draft            |
| OTP-ND-NT | Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title |
| OTP-A     | Ought to Pass as Amended              |
| ONTP      | Ought Not to Pass                     |
| LVWD      | Leave to Withdraw                     |
| INDEF PP  | Indefinitely Postponed                |

LD AN ACT TO HOLD EMPLOYEES OF LICENSEES  
1351 CRIMINALLY LIABLE FOR KNOWINGLY SELLING LIQUOR  
TO MINORS

ND LD 1669

Sponsor: RACINE, Kany  
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1669

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1669.

LD AN ACT TO LIMIT CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH CANDIDATES  
1367 MAY RECEIVE FROM POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES

ONTP

Sponsor: HANDY, Carroll, Estes, Matthews, Z.  
Committee Report: ONTP (Majority)  
OTP-ND-NT (Minority)

SUMMARY: This bill would limit the total amount of contributions a candidate may accept from political action committees. The amount would be \$45,000 for candidates for Governor, \$1,000 for Senate races and \$500 for House campaigns. Each limit would be adjusted for inflation by using the Consumer Price Index.

LD AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAWS RELATING TO NOTARY  
1377 PUBLIC

CARRY-OVER

Sponsor: MAYBURY, Erwin, E., Murphy, T., Cote  
Committee Report: Carry-Over

SUMMARY: This bill would clarify certain provisions of the law concerning notaries public and would establish guidelines concerning the duties and responsibilities of notaries, including the requirement of impartiality in performance of notarial acts. This bill would provide for the reprimand and removal of notaries.

LD AN ACT TO PREVENT CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE FROM  
1358 HANDLING OR SOLICITING ABSENTEE BALLOTS

LVWD

Sponsor: MURPHY, E., Norton, Dillenback  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would require the municipal clerk to appoint ballot clerks, one from each major political party, to witness and collect absentee ballots. All absentee ballots, other than those voted in the presence of the clerk, would have to be witnessed by 2 ballot clerks. This would effectively prohibit candidates from witnessing absentee ballots. See also LD 1712.