

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>LVWD</b>	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

**LD 38**      **An Act to Permit Certain Retailers to Conduct Games of Chance**      **PUBLIC 22**

**SPONSOR(S)**      **COMMITTEE REPORT**      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
TWITCHELL      OTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill repeals the law prohibiting gas stations from conducting contests and games of chance.

**LD 42**      **An Act to Strengthen the Operating-under-the-influence Laws**      **PUBLIC 51  
EMERGENCY**

**SPONSOR(S)**      **COMMITTEE REPORT**      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
PARADIS P      OTP  
VOSE

**SUMMARY**

This bill repeals the provision of the operating-under-the-influence laws that provides that ignorance of the effects of a lawfully used prescription drug is an affirmative defense.

**LD 62**      **An Act to Remove Residency Restrictions from the Office of Registrar of Voters (By Request)**      **ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**      **COMMITTEE REPORT**      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
MARSH      ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have removed the requirement that the registrar of voters be a resident of the municipality in which the registrar serves. A similar provision was included in LD 1053.

**LD 70**      **An Act to Authorize Trained Police Officers to Take Blood Samples in Operating-under-the-influence Cases**      **LV/WD**

**SPONSOR(S)**      **COMMITTEE REPORT**      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
MERRILL      LV/WD

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have allowed law enforcement officers certified by the Department of Human Services to administer blood tests to persons accused of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

**LD 71**      **An Act Relating to Political Action Committees Organized Outside of the State (Reported by the Commission to Study Public Financing of State Elections Pursuant to Resolve 1989, chapter 59)**      **ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**      **COMMITTEE REPORT**      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required that political action committees not organized in this State be treated the