

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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BILL SUMMARIES  
AUGUST 1991**

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.

**An Act Concerning the Licensing of Organizations Operating Games of Chance or Beano**

SPONSOR(S)  
ERWIN  
JALBERT  
TWITCHELL  
PEARSON

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-77

**SUMMARY**

This bill includes veterans' auxiliary organizations among those groups eligible for a license to operate beano or bingo games.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-77) broadens the category of organizations eligible for a license by permitting an auxiliary of any organization qualified for a Beano or Bingo license to obtain a license in its own name. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

**LD 109****An Act to Promote Community Involvement in Law Enforcement Activities and Provide Property Tax Relief**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)  
HANDY  
PARADIS P  
RUHLIN

COMMITTEE REPORT  
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have created an exemption in the law on solicitation by law enforcement officers to enable a law enforcement agency to make its equipment, construction and maintenance needs known. See also LD 1682.

**LD 130****An Act Concerning Liquor Pricing**

INDEF PP

SPONSOR(S)  
HOLLOWAY  
JALBERT  
STEVENS A  
KILKELLY

COMMITTEE REPORT  
ONTP MAJ  
OTP-AM MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have allowed an agency liquor store to increase the purchase price of certain items requiring refrigeration pursuant to rules of the State Liquor Commission.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-29), part of the minority committee report, would have clarified that the sales price for liquor may be increased only for items that are actually refrigerated, not those deemed to require refrigeration.