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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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BILL SUMMARIES**

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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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>ENACTMENT FAILED</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</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.

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

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LD 234 **An Act to Prevent Intoxication-related Injuries, Deaths and Damages** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CATHCART	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have eliminated the cap on awards of damages for losses under the Maine Liquor Liability Act.

LD 245 **An Act Regarding the Purchase of Spirits at State Liquor Stores** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BALDACCI	ONTP MAJ	
	OTP MIN	

SUMMARY

This bill would have permitted retail liquor licensees to purchase liquor from state liquor stores using the same payment terms currently afforded agency liquor stores. The bill also would have permitted state liquor stores to deliver liquor to establishments that are licensed for the sale of liquor on premises.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-45) would have corrected a misstatement in the original bill by changing section 1 to allow a licensee or an agency to buy liquor at a state store using cash or a credit card. The amendment also would have eliminated the section of the bill that allowed state liquor stores to deliver to establishments that are licensed to serve liquor on the premises and would have added a fiscal note.

LD 250 **An Act to Amend the Campaign Finance Laws** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HANLEY	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have established limits on campaign spending and would have allowed candidates to limit voluntarily the amount of money they spend on a campaigns. The bill also would have limited contributions made by political action committees to \$100 per election per candidate.

LD 253 **An Act Concerning Maine Wineries and Microbreweries** **PUBLIC 60
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CONSTANTINE	OTP-AM	H-69

SUMMARY

This bill allows taste tours in small breweries and the ordering by mail of malt liquor and wine for personal use.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-69) addresses the problem of minors receiving alcohol by cross-referencing Title 28-A, section 2081, which prescribes that any person who procures alcohol for a minor is guilty of