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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

JULY 1993

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:

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| <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 367 An Act to Increase Unenrolled Voter Participation in Primary Elections

INDEF PP

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| LEMKE | ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN | |

SUMMARY

The bill would have allowed unenrolled voters to vote in primary elections without having to enroll in a party.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-61), part of the minority committee report, would have added a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 392 An Act to Allow Rebate Coupons in Agency Liquor Stores

PUBLIC 100

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| KUTASI | OTP-AM | H-141 |

SUMMARY

State liquor stores have offered rebate coupons for a number of years. With the closing of state liquor stores many new agents have been licensed. This bill allows the agents to continue offering rebate coupons in these new stores.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-141) prohibits a retail licensee from offering rebate coupons contingent on the purchase of malt liquor or wine and adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 393 An Act Related to the Restoration of Drivers' Licenses

ONTP

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| CLARK | ONTP | |

SUMMARY

Under present law, the Secretary of State must suspend a person's license when the Secretary of State determines from the arresting officer's report that the person operated a motor vehicle with an excessive blood-alcohol level. The Secretary of State may not restore the person's license until the person has completed the alcohol and other drug education, evaluation and treatment program, also known as DEEP, regardless of the outcome of the case in court.

This bill would have eliminated the DEEP completion requirement when a person is acquitted of the charge or when the charge is dismissed.

LD 398 An Act to Limit the Size of Agency Liquor Stores

ONTP

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| DORE | ONTP | |

SUMMARY

This bill would have limited to less than 5,000 square feet the total floor area of stores licensed as agency liquor stores. A transition provision would have provided that the licenses of stores that exceed this size limit would terminate on their next annual renewal date after the effective date of this bill.