

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
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**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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ON  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**MAY 1994**

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, 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:

*PUBLIC XXX*

*P&S XXX*

*RESOLVE XXX*

*CON RES XXX*

*EMERGENCY*

*ONTP*

*INDEF PP*

*FAILED ENACTMENT*

*FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT*

*FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*

*DIED BETWEEN BODIES*

*CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*

*VETO SUSTAINED*

*UNSIGNED*

*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*

*Chapter # of enacted Public Law*

*Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*

*Chapter # of enacted Resolve*

*Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*

*Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*

*Ought Not to Pass report accepted*

*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*

*Bill failed to get majority vote*

*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*

*Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*

*House & Senate disagree; bill died*

*Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*

*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

*Not signed by Governor within 10 days*

*Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If you have any suggestions or comments on the summaries, please let us know.

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**LD 1575      An Act to Amend Certain Provisions of Law Pertaining to  
Brewers' Licenses**

PUBLIC 542

**SPONSOR(S)**  
CONLEY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-820    DAGGETT  
S-416

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows retail brewers to sell 15 1/2 gallons of their product on brewery premises instead of the current one gallon.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-416) allows retail brewers to sell 5 liters instead of 15 1/2 gallons of the brewers' product on the brewery premises for consumption off premises. The amendment also limits the 5 liter sales on the premises to nonlicensees only.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-820) specifies that a brewery licensee may have only one retail license per brewery location for the sale of liquor to be consumed on the brewery premises.

**LD 1581      An Act to Decrease the Number of Sleeping Rooms a Hotel Must  
Have in Order to Obtain a Liquor License**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
AHEARNE  
PARADIS J

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have reduced by 1/2 the number of sleeping rooms a motel must have in order to obtain a liquor license.

**LD 1587      An Act Concerning the Possession of Firearms by Persons  
under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor or Drugs or with  
an Excessive Blood-alcohol Level**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
LIPMAN

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have made possession of a firearm by a person who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs or has an excessive blood-alcohol level a Class D crime. The bill also would have increased the class of crime for hunting while under the influence or with an excessive blood-alcohol level from Class E to Class D and would have required a 3-year suspension of a violator's privilege to hunt.

**LD 1600      An Act to Amend the Liquor Laws Pertaining to the  
Delivery of Beer and Wine**

PUBLIC 507

**SPONSOR(S)**  
CAREY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires that beer and wine sold by large manufacturers producing more than 50,000 gallons must be physically warehoused by the wholesaler before delivery can be made to a retailer, therefore allowing