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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
August 1997

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the 15 Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature staffed by this office. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill, committee amendments and other relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken on the bill. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this Session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the joint standing committees. It is organized alphabetically by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Regular Session</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i>
<i>OTP ND</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>OTP ND/NT</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 26, 1997 and September 19, 1997 for the First Special Session.

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LD 1563

An Act to Allow Wine to Be Ordered by Mail

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOLDTHWAIT	ONTP	

LD 1563 proposed to allow the purchase of wine through the mail.

LD 1572

An Act to Make Technical Changes in the Laws Relating to the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages

PUBLIC 373

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAREY TUTTLE	OTP-AM	H-521 LABRECQUE S-182

LD 1572 proposed to update statutory provisions to reflect changes made in unallocated language in Public Law 1993, chapter 410, Parts XX and ZZ. Part XX of that law combined the State Liquor Commission and the State Lottery Commission into the State Liquor and Lottery Commission. Part ZZ transferred the licensing functions and the taxation responsibilities of the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the Department of Public Safety. This bill also amended the liquor laws to correct gender references, repeal obsolete provisions and make other technical changes to reflect current drafting standards.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-182) incorporated in the bill changes that were made in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-A, section 606 by Public Law 1997, chapter 24. It also corrected references and made several other technical changes.

House Amendment "A" (H-521) made corrections to the list of state liquor stores to reflect current conditions.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 373 updates statutory provisions to reflect changes made in unallocated language in Public Law 1993, chapter 410, Parts XX and ZZ. Part XX of that law combined the State Liquor Commission and the State Lottery Commission into the State Liquor and Lottery Commission. Part ZZ transferred the licensing functions and the taxation responsibilities of the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the Department of Public Safety. This law also corrects gender references, repeals obsolete provisions and makes other technical changes to reflect current legislative drafting standards.

LD 1630

An Act to Amend the Campaign Finance Reform Laws

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOLDTHWAIT	ONTP	