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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees
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We are pleased to provide this summary of all bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select Committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized 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:

CARRIED OVER..... *Bill carried over to Second Regular Session*
CON RES XXX..... *Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... *Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*
DIED BETWEEN BODIES..... *House & Senate disagree; bill died*
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... *One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill*
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... *Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*
EMERGENCY..... *Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*
ENACTMENT FAILED..... *Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage*
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... *Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died*
INDEF PP..... *Bill Indefinitely Postponed*
ONTP..... *Ought Not To Pass report accepted*
OTP ND..... *Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft*
OTP ND/NT..... *Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title*
P&S XXX..... *Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*
PUBLIC XXX..... *Chapter # of enacted Public Law*
RESOLVE XXX..... *Chapter # of finally passed Resolve*
UNSIGNED..... *Bill held by Governor*
VETO SUSTAINED..... *Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999.

LD 91 proposed to prohibit the Tri-State Lotto Commission from charging sales agents the balance of the difference between actual sales from an agents machine and the quota set by the commission if the sales agents do not meet the quota.

LD 122

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Amend the Timing of Elections Following the Submission of a Petition for People's Veto

CON RES 1

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LONGLEY		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-24
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LD 122 proposed to amend the Constitution of Maine to require that a people's veto be submitted to the people either at a regular statewide or general election, whichever comes first, not less than 60 days after the Governor's proclamation that the petition will be submitted to the voters. This resolution eliminates language in the constitution that authorizes the Governor to call a special election for purposes of submitting a petition for a people's veto to the voters.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-24) This amendment adds a fiscal note to the resolution.

Enacted law summary

Constitutional Resolution 1999, chapter 1 requires that a people's veto be submitted to the people either at a regular statewide election or a general election, whichever comes first, no less than 60 days after the Governor's proclamation that the people's veto will be put before the voters of the State. Under this resolution, the Governor is no longer authorized to call a special election for the purposes of a people's veto vote.

LD 131

An Act to Amend the Beano and Games of Chance Statutes

PUBLIC 63

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DAGGETT TUTTLE		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-25
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LD 131 proposed to amend the Beano and games of chance statutes by:

1. Making a technical change by deleting unnecessary language.
2. Amending the statute that permits licensing of Beano games to make it clear that only Maine organizations may be licensed.
3. Amending the games of chance disposition of funds reporting requirements to require monthly reports for annual licensees rather than annual reports.

This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Public Safety.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-25) changed the number of days by which a disposition of funds report is due from a Beano licensee from six days to 10 business days.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 63 amends current law to specify that only Maine organizations may be licensed to conduct Beano. It also requires that those who have annual games of chance licenses report disposition of funds monthly. Public Law 1999, chapter 63 also increases the number of days by which a disposition of funds report is due from a Beano licensee.

LD 147 **An Act to Prohibit Public Broadcasting Stations from Auctioning Alcoholic Beverages** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
AHEARNE	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

LD 147 proposed to repeal the law that allows public broadcasting stations to accept for the purpose of an auction gift certificates from a brewery, winery or wholesaler of malt or brewed beverages or wines.

LD 148 **An Act to Make the Purchase or Sale of Liquor by Direct Shipment, Mail Order or the Internet a Class C Crime** **ONTP**

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

LD 148 proposed to make the shipment or purchase of liquor from outside the State by mail order or direct shipment or via the Internet a Class C crime.