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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees
August 1999**

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.

3. The officer has a reasonable and articulable suspicion that the person is a minor; and
4. The officer has informed the person that the officer is investigating a possible liquor violation involving the presence of minors on the licensed premises and that the officer believes that the person is a minor.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 413 provides that a person who fails to provide proper identification to a law enforcement officer is subject to a civil forfeiture if:

1. The person is present on a licensed premises at a time when minors are not permitted to be on the premises;
2. The officer has reasonable and articulable suspicion that a violation of law has taken place or is taking place because a minor is present on licensed premises;
3. The officer has reasonable and articulable suspicion that the person is a minor; and
4. The officer has informed the person that the officer is investigating a possible liquor violation involving the presence of minors on the licensed premises and that the officer believes that the person is a minor.

LD 396 An Act to Give Standing to Any Person Who Witnesses a Violation at a Polling Place ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GLYNN	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 396 proposed to give a registered voter witnessing a violation at a polling place standing to seek an injunction of relief or declaration of violation in Superior Court.

LD 416 An Act to Ensure the Maintenance, Protection and Repair of Veterans' Graves, Headstones, Monuments and Markers ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LIBBY	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 416 proposed to change current law, which requires towns to maintain the graves and markers of any Revolutionary War soldiers or sailors or any soldiers or sailors who were in the United States Army, Navy or Marines and who served in a war and are buried in graveyards in that town. A town that fails to do so may be penalized up to \$100.

This bill proposed to increase the fine to \$200 and make it mandatory.