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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.

LD 461 **An Act to Allow a Holder of a Retail Liquor License to Sell to Other Licensed Entities** **ONTP**

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

LD 461 proposed to allow a retailer with a license to sell wine and malt liquor to be consumed off of the premises to sell wine and malt liquor to other entities with a license to sell liquor for on-premise consumption.

LD 500 **An Act to Establish an Administrative Procedure to Hear Polling Place Violation Complaints** **ONTP**

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

LD 500 proposed to establish a procedure for addressing polling place violation complaints.

LD 501 **An Act to Eliminate Voter Registration on Election Day** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ANDREWS	ONTP A OTP B OTP-AM C	

LD 501 proposed to eliminate voter registration on election day.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-497), which was a minority report, and not adopted, proposed to replace the original bill and give municipalities the option to decide whether they will accept voter registrations on election day. The effective date of the bill would have been delayed to allow municipalities a statewide election before the option would take effect.

House Amendment "A" (H-577), which was not adopted, proposed to regulate, rather than eliminate, election day voter registration by requiring the voter to execute a sworn statement, witnessed by the registrar, stating the voter's name, date of birth and mailing and street addresses.

LD 535 **An Act Regarding Burial at the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery** **ONTP**

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

LD 535 proposed to allow the use of private burial services for eligible veterans and eligible dependents at the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, providing the costs of the private services are not borne by the State.