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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 641

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require a Fixed Number of Signatures on Initiative Referenda Petitions

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

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

LD 641 proposed to amend the Constitution of Maine to require a valid direct initiative petition to carry the signatures of at least 50,000 registered voters.

LD 642

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require That Petition Signatures Be Based on 10% of Registered Voters

ONTP

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

LD 642 proposed to amend the Constitution of Maine to require that the number of signatures on a direct initiative petition equals at least 10% of the number of citizens registered to vote on the date of the last gubernatorial election.

LD 644

An Act to Provide Opportunity for an Increase in Wine-tasting Locations for Farm Wineries

PUBLIC 275

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAWRENCE WHEELER G	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-246

LD 644 proposed to allow a holder of a farm winery license to apply for licenses for up to four additional locations for the tasting of wine.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-246) amended the original bill by decreasing the number of additional locations for the tasting of wine a farm winery licensee may apply for from four to two. It clarified language pertaining to serving limits of spirits, wine and malt liquor to one person at one time

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 275 permits a holder of a farm winery license to apply for two additional locations for a wine-tasting event. It also clarifies language in existing law pertaining to serving limits of wine, malt liquor and spirits to any one person at one time.