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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 1244

An Act to Require Truth in Campaign Advertising

ONTP

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

LD 1244 proposed to require that any entity advertising in support of or opposition to a candidate, when reporting roll call votes, shall list all recorded votes on that issue, explain the pending motion on which the vote was cast and accurately reflect the position taken by the candidate at the time of the vote.

LD 1254

An Act to Allow Beverage Sales from Mobile Service Vehicles on Golf Courses

INDEF PP

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

LD 1254 proposed to permit the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement to license golf courses to serve liquor on the course from a mobile service bar.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-467), which was not adopted, proposed to amend the original bill by setting the license fee for mobile service bars at \$100 annually.

It also proposed to clarify what may be served from a mobile service bar and add a requirement that liquor may be served only to those engaged in a round of golf.

Finally, it proposed to provide for revocation of any license held by a golf course owner for violation of the liquor laws or of rules established by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Liquor Enforcement.

LD 1257

An Act to Regulate Push Polling

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BENNETT GLYNN		

LD 1257, which has been carried over to the Second Regular Session, proposes to require a person conducting a push poll by telephone for any candidate for office to disclose the name and address of the organization conducting the push poll, the name and address of the person or organization underwriting the push poll and the name of the candidate and the office for which the candidate is running if the poll is authorized by the candidate. The bill would define "push poll" as an interview with a voter that is designed to influence the voter's decision with a series of questions that appear to be an objective opinion poll concerning an issue but that are worded to suggest answers that support a certain position concerning the issue.