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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 1259

An Act to Discourage Consumption of Alcohol by Minors

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

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

LD 1259 proposed to amend the laws pertaining to consumption of alcohol by a minor by increasing the forfeiture for violation of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-A, section 2051 from not less than \$100 nor more than \$300 to not less than \$200 nor more than \$400 for the first offense; not less than \$200 nor more than \$500 to not less than \$300 nor more than \$600 for the second offense and from \$500 to \$600 for a third and subsequent offenses. The bill would also give the court authority to suspend a license if a minor violates Title 28-A, section 2051.

LD 1291

An Act to Amend the Liquor Licensing Laws Regarding Bed and Breakfasts

PUBLIC 236

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COWGER HARRIMAN	OTP-AM	H-314

LD 1291 proposed to amend the licensing requirements for bed and breakfasts to:

1. Allow a bed and breakfast to obtain a Class I liquor license;
2. Allow a bed and breakfast to obtain an off-premise catering license; and
3. Remove the restriction that a bed and breakfast may only serve liquor to bona fide registered patrons and the patron's guests.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-314) proposed to remove the provision of the bill allowing a bed and breakfast to acquire a Class I liquor license. It would also allow a bed and breakfast licensee to deliver alcohol to a room in the bed and breakfast under certain conditions.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 236 permits a bed and breakfast to obtain an off-premise catering license and allows a bed and breakfast licensee to deliver alcohol to a room in the establishment under certain conditions.