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Bill Summaries

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing and joint 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 committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is arranged alphabetically by committee name 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:

<i>CARRIED OVER PURSUANT TO HP 1212</i>	<i>Bills carried over to the 2nd Regular Session</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i>
<i>OTP-ND</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PASSED</i>	<i>Joint Order passed in both bodies</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

Please note that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 13, 2003.

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Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans' Affairs

LD 513 **An Act To Legalize Gambling if Casinos Are Allowed in the State** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CRESSEY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 513 proposed to provide that if the operation of a casino is authorized in the State, any individual, group, organization or corporation may be licensed to conduct casino-style gambling without regard to race, creed, color or place of national origin.

LD 516 **An Act To Share Revenue from Sales of Lottery Tickets and To Permit Additional Ticket Sales Locations** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CRESSEY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 516 proposed to allow the Director of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to issue licenses to sell lottery tickets without regard to the distance between the new location and any other lottery agent's location. The bill also proposed to direct the State Liquor and Lottery Commission to distribute 12% of annual lottery ticket sales revenue back to sales agents as revenue sharing.

LD 536 **An Act To Hold a Sales Agent Harmless for the Theft of Lottery Tickets if It Reports the Crime Immediately** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DOUGLASS THOMAS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 536 proposed to provide that a lottery ticket agent does not have to pay for lottery tickets stolen from the agent's business if the theft is reported to the Director of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services within one business day.