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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 127th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. An appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

Final action on each LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

CARRIED OVER .... carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
CON RES XXX .... chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE .... Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES .... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE .... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT .... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCY .... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE .... emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE .... failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT .... legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR .... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW .... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY .... ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP .... indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X .... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX .... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX .... chapter # of enacted public law
RESOLVE XXX .... chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED .... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature is October 15, 2015. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

terminal is not permitted to dispense cash or prizes. Instead, prizes for high-stakes electronic beano are awarded by voucher. The bill also clarifies that, unlike traditional beano, beano conducted on an electronic beano terminal is not required to be a group game.

LD 770	**An Act To Permit Maine Residents To Register To Vote Online**	**ONTP**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
RUSSELL	ONTP	

This bill requires the Secretary of State to implement a system that allows a person to register to vote online. The system requires an applicant to provide certain information, which is verified using driver's license or nondriver identification card data maintained by the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles. An applicant must submit an affidavit attesting that all information provided in the electronic voter registration application is true. The bill authorizes the Secretary of State to adopt rules to administer the electronic voter registration system and requires the Secretary of State to submit an annual report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over voter registration matters.

LD 777	**An Act To Establish a Seasonal Agency Liquor License**	**ONTP**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
LUCHINI	ONTP	
LANGLEY		

This bill establishes a seasonal agency liquor store license. It authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to issue one seasonal license in a municipality with a year-round population of at least 5,001 if between June 1st and October 1st the population increases by a number that would otherwise qualify the municipality for an additional agency liquor store license.

LD 779	**An Act To Increase the Minimum Population Requirement for a Municipality in Which the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations May Locate an Additional Agency Liquor Store**	**PUBLIC 221**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
KATZ	OTP-AM	S-159
THERIAULT		

This bill increases from 2,000 to 5,000 the allowable population of a municipality in which the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations may establish an additional liquor store.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-159)

This amendment clarifies that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations may license one agency liquor store in a municipality with a population of less than 2,000. This amendment also authorizes the bureau to issue one additional liquor store license in a municipality with a population of less than 10,000, instead of 5,000 as in the bill, and to consider the impact of seasonal population or tourism when determining whether to issue the additional license. Finally, this amendment specifies that a waiver from time requirements does not apply to certain applicants for an additional liquor store license in a municipality that already has the authorized number of liquor store licenses.