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**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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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 128<sup>th</sup> 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 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature is Wednesday, November 1, 2017. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

*Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs*

**LD 980**      **An Act To Improve Absentee Balloting**      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PIERCE T MILLETT R	ONTP	

This bill requires that the list of requests for absentee ballots that a clerk is required to create and maintain include, in the case of a request that is rejected, the reasons for the rejection.

**LD 995**      **An Act To Allow a Resident Veteran's Child Who Is Enrolled in an Out-of-state College or University To Take a Course in Maine at a State Postsecondary Education Institution for Free**      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STANLEY S GRATWICK G	ONTP	

This bill provides that a person who is enrolled as a student at a postsecondary education institution outside this State and who is the child of a veteran who is a resident of this State may take one course at a state postsecondary education institution in this State with no charge for tuition.

**LD 1012**      **An Act To Improve the Availability of Agency Liquor Stores in Underserved Areas and To Expand the Sale of Spirits in New Channels**      **ONTP**

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

This bill creates an exception to the limit on the number of agency liquor stores allowed by population threshold to allow the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to license an agency liquor store in a municipality without an agency liquor store as long as an agency liquor store is not located within 3.5 miles of the municipality. With regard to such a store, it allows the bureau to adopt rules regarding hours, seasons of operation and inventory. It also allows the bureau to license stores in municipalities along interstate highways and at major airports in the State and requires the bureau to enter into contracts for the management of those stores.

**LD 1013**      **An Act To Clarify the Law Allowing Certificate of Approval Holders and Manufacturers or Suppliers of Spirits To Offer Mail-in Rebates**      **PUBLIC 153**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KINNEY J	OTP-AM ONTP	H-265

This bill clarifies that a manufacturer or supplier of spirits or a certificate of approval holder may offer mail-in rebates approved by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations that offer an incrementally greater discount for an increased volume of purchased spirits.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-265)**