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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 129th 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 129th Legislature is Thursday, September 19, 2019. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

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contribution limits apply to donations accepted for these purposes, except there is no limit for donations from party committees; caucus campaign committees; and attorneys or consultants that provide their services pro bono.

Resolve 2019, chapter 6 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 19, 2019.

LD 25

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Government Oversight Committee Regarding Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations Reporting Requirements

PUBLIC 13

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-2

This bill implements recommendations of the Government Oversight Committee based on the report on the Maine State Lottery issued by the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability in April 2017.

The bill removes the provision of law that requires the Director of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services (DAFS) to certify certain financial information related to lottery operations to the Treasurer of State monthly but retains monthly financial reporting to the DAFS Commissioner and the State Liquor and Lottery Commission. The bill modifies the director's annual reporting requirements related to lottery operations to the Governor and the Legislature, establishing February 15th as the date each annual report is due and specifying the information to be included in each report. The bill makes similar changes to the director's monthly and annual reporting requirements with respect to administration of the State's spirits business, to make those requirements consistent with the bill's proposed requirements for lottery operations reporting.

Finally, the bill authorizes the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over lottery and alcoholic beverage matters to submit legislation based on the reports submitted by the director to the committee each year.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-2)

This amendment makes several changes to the requirement that the Director of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services (DAFS) certify financial information related to administration of the State's spirits business and the bureau's oversight of the manufacture, distribution and sale of liquor in the State monthly. The amendment requires that the director make those monthly certifications to the State Liquor and Lottery Commission in addition to the DAFS Commissioner, as is current practice, to match the provisions of the bill regarding monthly certification of financial information regarding lottery operations. The amendment also repeals a duplicative monthly reporting requirement.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 13 removes the provision of law that requires the Director of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services (DAFS) to certify certain financial information related to lottery operations to the Treasurer of State monthly but retains monthly financial reporting to the DAFS Commissioner and the State Liquor and Lottery Commission. Chapter 13 modifies the director's annual reporting requirements related to lottery operations to the Governor and the Legislature, establishing February 15th as the date each annual report is due and specifying the information to be included in each report. Chapter 13 makes analogous changes to the director's monthly and annual reporting requirements with respect to administration of the State's spirits business, to make those requirements consistent with the revised requirements for lottery operations reporting, and repeals a duplicative monthly reporting requirement.

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Finally, Public Law 2019, chapter 13 authorizes the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over lottery and alcoholic beverage matters to submit legislation based on the reports submitted by the director to the committee each year.

LD 34 An Act To Clarify Game of Chance Licensing Requirements

PUBLIC 60

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUELL W MOORE M	OTP-AM	H-92

This bill authorizes nonprofit fraternal and veterans' organizations to conduct cribbage tournaments in which no cash prizes are awarded without obtaining a license from or registering with the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-92)

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill. Under current law, an organization must obtain a license to hold or conduct a game of chance, including a card game, if the players risk something of value for the opportunity to win something of value. The amendment modifies the definition of "something of value" to clarify that a license is not required merely because players are entitled to play the game of chance for free or to be entertained for free while playing the game.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 60 modifies the definition of "something of value" in the laws governing games of chance to clarify that an organization is not required to obtain a license to hold or to conduct a game of chance, including a card game, merely because players are entitled to play the game of chance for free or to be entertained for free while playing the game.

LD 54 An Act To Limit the Influence of Lobbyists by Expanding the Prohibition on Accepting Political Contributions

**HELD BY
GOVERNOR**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHENETTE J COLLINGS B	OTP-AM ONTP	S-132

Current law prohibits the Governor, members of the Legislature, constitutional officers and the staff or agents of the Governor, from soliciting or accepting contributions from a lobbyist, lobbyist associate or employer while the Legislature is convened in session. This bill extends application of that prohibition year-round, regardless of whether the Legislature is in session.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-132)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment reorganizes the structure of the current law prohibiting the Governor, members of the Legislature, constitutional officers and the staff or agents of these officials from soliciting or accepting contributions from a lobbyist, lobbyist associate, employer of a lobbyist or a lobbying firm while the Legislature is convened in session. The amendment clarifies that this prohibition does not apply to a contribution unless the contribution is the property of the lobbyist, lobbyist associate, employer of a lobbyist or lobbying firm.

The amendment also newly prohibits the Governor, a member of the Legislature or the staff or agent of these