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LD 820 / SP0332

An Act to Establish Age 21 Years as the Legal Age to Purchase or Consume Alcoholic Beverages and to Deter Drinking and Driving by Minors. Presented by Sen. Pray of Penobscot; Co-sponsored by Sen. Usher of Cumberland, Rep. Crowley of Stockton Springs, Rep. Masterman of Milo. Legal Affairs Hearing 04-04-85. Majority OTP-AM Accepted (Minority O.N.T.P.). Amended by: CA S-118, SA S-140, SC/CA S-284. Emerg. Enacted, Approved 06-21-85, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 402.

Original Bill

[LD 820 \(112th Legis. 1985\)](#)

Analyst's Summary of Bill

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Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Legal Affairs

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New Drafts and Amendments

[Amendment CA \(S-118\) \(LD 820 1985\) \(Majority\) \(Passed\)](#)

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- p. 1263 (Amendment(s) S-118, S-284, H-417)

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- p. 1283 (Roll Call(s)) (Amendment(s) S-118, S-284, S-140)

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News Articles

Raising drink age to 21 is argued at hearing (Adams, Glenn) (Lewiston Daily Sun, 4/5/1985) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 112/LD08XX/nc112-LD-0820/SB1121212 24.pdf)

Spat between presidents tables bill on drinking age (Rawson, Davis) (Bangor Daily News, 5/29/1985) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 112/LD08XX/nc112-LD-0820/SB1121422C 19.pdf)

Higher drinking age supported (Perry, Nancy) (Portland Press Herald, 5/29/1985) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 112/LD08XX/nc112-LD-0820/SB1121422C 17.pdf)

House endorses bill for creation of five cut-rate liquor stores (Perry, Nancy) (Morning Sentinel, 5/30/1985) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 112/LD08XX/nc112-LD-0820/SB1121422C 24.pdf)

Lawmakers hold off on drinking age bill (Jackson, Peter) (Kennebec Journal, 6/1/1985) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 112/LD08XX/nc112-LD-0820/SB1121439D 12.pdf)

Maine stalls on higher drinking age (Portland Press Herald, 6/1/1985) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 112/LD08XX/nc112-LD-0820/SB1121439D 13.pdf)

Senate jumps drinking age to 21 (Perry, Nancy) (Portland Press Herald, 6/14/1985) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 112/LD08XX/nc112-LD-0820/SB1121481F 10.pdf)

Drinking age on its way up (Jackson, Peter) (Kennebec Journal, 6/15/1985) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 112/LD08XX/nc112-LD-0820/SB1121481F 18.pdf)

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Drinking bill close to passage (Perry, Nancy) (Portland Press Herald, 6/15/1985) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 112/LD08XX/nc112-LD-0820/SB1121481F 17.pdf)

Brennan signs bill raising drinking age (Associated Press) (Kennebec Journal, 6/24/1985) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 112/LD08XX/nc112-LD-0820/SB1121506H 14B.pdf)

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