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**129th Legislature (2018-2020)**

**History and Final Disposition**

LD 553 / SP0175

An Act To Ensure Proper Oversight of Sports Betting in the State. Presented by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs. Public Hearing 04/26/19. (OTP-AM) Report A Accepted 06/18/19. Amended by: CA S-318. Final Disposition: Enacted. (Veto Sustained in House 02/11/20).

**Original Bill**

[LD 553 \(129th Legis. 2019\)](#)

**Analyst's Summary of Bill**

[LD 553 \(Held by Governor\)](#)

[LD 553 \(Veto Sustained\)](#)

**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

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[Public Hearing \(committee page >> audio file\) \(LD 553\) \(VLA\) \(4/26/2019\)](#)

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[Work Session \(committee page >> audio file\) \(LD 553\) \(VLA\) \(5/13/2019\)](#)

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**New Drafts and Amendments**

[Amendment CA \(S-318\) \(LD 553 2019\) \(Report A\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment CB \(S-319\) \(LD 553 2019\) \(Report B\)](#)

**Floor Proceedings and Debate**

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[SENATE, January 31, 2019 \(S101-118\)](#)

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[HOUSE, June 18, 2019 \(H1019-1052\)](#)

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[SENATE, June 18, 2019 \(S1149-1191\)](#)

- p. S-1186 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p1188)) (Amendment(s) S-318, S-319)

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- p. H-1054 (Amendment(s) S-318)

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[SENATE, February 6, 2020 \(S1397-1413\)](#)

- p. S-1408 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p1410)) (Amendment(s) S-318)

[HOUSE, February 11, 2020 \(H1229-1236\)](#)

- p. H-1234 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p1236)) (Amendment(s) S-318)

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[LD 1348 \(129th Legis. 2019\)](#)

[LD 1515 \(129th Legis. 2019\)](#)

[LD 1571 \(129th Legis. 2019\)](#)

[LD 1642 \(129th Legis. 2019\)](#)

[LD 1656 \(129th Legis. 2019\)](#)

[LD 1657 \(129th Legis. 2019\)](#)

### News Articles

Sports betting likely to advance in Maine after legislative panel strikes deal (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 5/25/2019, p. A1, A2) ● (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD05xx/nc129-LD-0553/BDN 190525-26B.pdf)

Committee's split shows details will be key to legalizing sports betting (Kevin Miller) (Portland Press Herald, 5/25/2019, p. A1, A8) ● (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD05xx/nc129-LD-0553/PPH 190525B.pdf)

Maine takes a big step toward allowing legal sports betting (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 6/20/2019, p. A1, A4) ● (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD05xx/nc129-LD-0553/BDN 190620A.pdf)

Legal sports betting gets scratched, at least for now, as governor puts legislation on hold (Scott Thistle) (Portland Press Herald, 7/4/2019, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD05xx/nc129-LD-0553/PPH 190704A.pdf)

Sports betting bill deserves Janet Mills' signature (Scott Strom) (Bangor Daily News, 1/7/2020, p. A5) ● (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD05xx/nc129-LD-0553/BDN 200107A.pdf)

Janet Mills vetoes sports betting bill, saying she's 'unconvinced' Mainers want to expand gambling (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 1/11/2020, p. A1, B3) ● (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD05xx/nc129-LD-0553/BDN 200111-12A.pdf)

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Lawmakers face lobbying before override vote on Mills' veto of sports betting (Scott Thistle) (Portland Press Herald, 1/14/2020, p. A1, A8) ● (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD05xx/nc129-LD-0553/PPH 200114A.pdf)

Mills' gambling veto is paternalism at its worst (Jim Fossel) (Central Maine Sunday, 1/19/2020, p. A6) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD05xx/nc129-LD-0553/Central Maine Sunday 200119A.pdf)

Maine Senate votes to override Janet Mills' veto of sports-betting bill (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 2/7/2020, p. A1, A2) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD05xx/nc129-LD-0553/BDN 200207A.pdf)

Sports-betting bill a safe wager after work by Legislature (Editorial) (Bangor Daily News, 2/10/2020, p. A4) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD05xx/nc129-LD-0553/BDN 200210B.pdf)

Sports betting survived in the Maine Legislature by one senator's accidental vote (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 2/11/2020, p. A2) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD05xx/nc129-LD-0553/BDN 200211B.pdf)

Maine House upholds Janet Mills' sports-betting veto (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 2/12/2020, p. A1, A4) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD05xx/nc129-LD-0553/BDN 200212B.pdf)

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