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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 111th Legislature. The summaries are arranged alphabetically, and indexed separately by committee.

<u>LD</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	(Committee Report) <u>DISPOSITION</u>
2203	AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRI- STATE LOTTO COMPACT	Usher Violette Nadeau Jacques	MAJ-OTP-A(ACC) MIN-ONTP PL 1983, c. 732

SUMMARY: LD 2203 along with Committee Amendment "A" enacts the Tri-State Lotto Compact in Maine, effective when at least 2 of the party states (Me., Vt., & N.H.) with a combined population of at least 2 million enact the compact. This effective date would only occur if both Maine & N.H. enact the compact. The larger participation on a multi-state level is predicted to net larger revenues, thus making large prizes possible to compete with the Mass. "Megabucks" game. Cash prizes are tax-exempt to winners. The compact will receive a sunset review 2 years after the effective date and again in 5 years.

2204	AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW RELAT- ING TO WINE FRANCHISES	Pray Baldacci Zirnkilton	OTP-ND ND of LD 1960 PL 1983, c. 670
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SUMMARY: This bill allows retail licensees to buy table and sparkling wines from a wholesaler whose territory does not normally cover that retailer if the retailer goes to the wholesale dealer's warehouse to make the purchase and pick up the wines.

2226	RESOLVE, REIMBURSING JEFFREY BELLMORE OF WALDOBORO FOR DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE ACTIONS OF A STATE WARD	Curtis	LV/WD
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SUMMARY: The bill appropriates \$2,500 to reimburse Bellmore for damages allegedly sustained to his motor vehicle when it was struck by a vehicle operated by a minor state ward. Bill was withdrawn when case was settled.

2228	AN ACT TO PROTECT TENANTS FROM LACK OF HEAT	Handy Nadeau Bost	OTP-A PL 1983, c. 764
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SUMMARY: LD 2228 and Committee Amendment "A" make it a breach of the implied warranty of habitability if a landlord is obligated to provide heat and (a) the temperature is low enough to injure a tenant's health, (b) the heating facilities are incapable of maintaining a minimum temperature of 68 degrees, or (c) the heating facilities are not operated to protect the building from freezing. If the landlord does not comply, the tenant's purchase of heating fuel is deemed a cost of compliance and thus deductible from the rent.