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BILL SUMMARY



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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 First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD: 19 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR TOXICOLOGICAL TESTS IN THE EVENT OF A RECREATIONAL BOATING FATALITY ALLEN MATTHEWS Z CLARK H CONNERS

LU-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
 SENATE Accepted Committee Report
 GOV

SUMMARY:
 This bill would have required operators of watercraft involved in fatal accidents to submit to blood-alcohol tests to determine if they were operating under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

LD: 29 AN ACT CONCERNING THE POSSESSION OF FIREWORKS PAUL GREENLAW FOSS SIMPSON
 ND: 755

OTP-ND HPO543 HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
 SENATE Accepted Committee Report
 GOV

SUMMARY:
 The original bill just clarified the definition of "possession" of fireworks. Based on information from the State Fire Marshal's Office, the Committee decided to rework the entire chapter on fireworks. See L.D. 755.

LD: 33 AN ACT RELATING TO ABSENTEE VOTING KANY BERUBE CHONKO MELENDY PUBLIC CH # 357
 OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted
 SENATE Enacted
 GOV SIGNED

H-308	CA	REEVES		
H-322	CA	PERRY	H	S
H-325	CA	HANDY		
S-129	CA		H	S
S-144	CA	DANTON	H	S

SUMMARY:
 The original bill removed the notary requirement for absentee ballots to encourage balloting through the mails. It also removed a source of improper influence.
 The Committee Amendment replaced the entire bill and incorporated almost all the changes in absentee voting which the Committee approved (See LD 1594). The Amendment made it easier to obtain absentee ballots, eased eligibility for voters who are working during the entire time the polls are open, allows voting in the clerk's presence, and relaxed the witness requirements. Candidates and their immediate families were prohibited in witnessing ballots. The amendment also lists the specific reasons why a ballot may

be challenged, and sets out a procedure which assures secrecy of the vote until the challenge is upheld.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-144) corrected a technical error.

House Amendment "A" (H-322) added two reasons why a ballot may be challenged, and deleted the prohibition against candidates and their immediate families witnessing absentee ballots.

LD: 39 AN ACT TO DENY CERTAIN STATE FUNDS TO ANY PERSON WHO REFUSES TO REGISTER UNDER THE UNITED STATES MILITARY SELECTIVE SERVICES ACT
ND: 897
PARADIS E
GREENLAW
MCSWEENEY
BROWN L

MAJ: OTP-ND HPO643

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

See LD 897.

LD: 44 AN ACT TO PERMIT BEANO ON SUNDAYS AFTER NOON
ND: 669
KANY
BUSTIN
MICHAEL
RACINE

OTP-ND SPO259 HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

See LD 669.

LD: 50 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS RELATING TO GAMES OF CHANCE
ND: 1134
PERRY
STOVER
COTE
MCSWEENEY

OTP-ND HPO813 HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

See LD 1134.

LD: 80 AN ACT TO REPEAL REQUIREMENTS THAT AGENCY LIQUOR STORES BE AT LEAST 10 MILES APART
ND: 1522
GREENLAW

OTP-ND HP1047 HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

See LD 1522.