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LEGAL AFFAIRS
BILL SUMMARY



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BILL SUMMARIES
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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: 753 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT THE LOTTERY COMMISSION RETURN OVER 50% OF RECEIPTS TO LOTTERY PARTICIPANTS IN THE FORM OF PRIZES BOUTILIER

ONTP HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill would have required the State Lottery Commission to pay at least 50% of total ticket sales money as prizes. The law currently requires a 45% return.

LD: 754 AN ACT CONCERNING RETAIL SALES OF BEER AND WINE BOUTILIER
ND: 1586 MELENDY
REEVES

OTP-ND HP1093 HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

See LD 1586.

LD: 755 AN ACT CLARIFYING THE LAWS RELATING TO FIREWORKS PAUL
ND: 29 GREENLAW
FOSS
SIMPSON
PUBLIC
CH # 23
HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

SUMMARY:

This bill revised the fireworks laws by including a definitional section and making penalties more severe for trafficking in fireworks: Class B and Class C penalties are available depending on the volume involved. Possession of \$100 worth or less is a civil violation punishable by a forfeiture of up to \$50.

LD: 763 AN ACT TO PROVIDE EQUITABLE FEES FOR NONRESIDENT CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMITS AND TO PROVIDE FOR RECIPROCITY LANDER
CONNERS
RIDLEY
PAUL

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

SUMMARY:

This bill would have tied the fee for nonresident concealed weapons permits to the fee charged for nonresident concealed weapons permits in the applicant's state. Also,

the bill would have required the issuance of a permit to a nonresident if the nonresident holds a valid concealed weapons permit in his or her home state.

LD: 794 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRICE WHICH STATE AGENCY RETAIL STORES MAY CHARGE FOR LIQUOR PRAY MICHAUD

ONTP HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill would have allowed agency liquor stores to sell liquor at a price 2% higher than state retail stores, creating an effective markup of 10%, without resulting in a loss of revenue to the State.

LD: 795 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INCREASE IN THE ALLOWABLE PROFIT MARGIN FOR STATE AGENCY STORES PRAY MICHAUD

ONTP HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill would have increased the discount at which the State Liquor Commission sells liquor to the agency stores from 10% to 11%.

LD: 797 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAWS RELATING TO LANDLORDS AND TENANTS NAJARIAN

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted PUBLIC
SENATE Enacted CH # 293
GOV SIGNED

S-106 CA H S

SUMMARY:

This bill attempted several changes in the landlord-tenant laws. It gives the district court jurisdiction over illegal evictions. It also requires landlords to mitigate their damages by using reasonable efforts to re-rent the unit when a tenant leaves early. Residential leaseholders were given the same notice period for evictions as for tenancies at will. Notice periods for rent increases are extended to leaseholds as well as tenancies at will. Security deposit laws were extended to cover "advance rent" as well as "security." Landlords were required to pay 8% annual interest on all security deposits.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-106) deleted several sections dealing with notice periods for evictions and interest on security deposits.