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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: 1268 AN ACT TO IMPROVE AND STRENGTHEN THE REFERENDUM PROCESS ANDREWS
HANDY

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

SUMMARY:

This bill would have established a system of voter information for referendum questions. Space for arguments from proponents and opponents of each question would be provided.

LD: 1276 AN ACT RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OF MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSES FOR REFUSAL OF CHEMICAL TEST GAUVREAU
CHALMERS

ONTP HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill would have made driver's license suspensions for refusal to take a blood-alcohol test run concurrently, as opposed to cummulatively, with any suspension imposed if the driver is then convicted of OUI.

LD: 1277 AN ACT RELATING TO ABSENTEE BALLOTING BY RESIDENTS OF NURSING HOMES, HOSPICES AND CONGREGATE HOUSING UNITS GAUVREAU
NADEAU G G

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

SUMMARY:

This bill would have established a procedure where the clerk would collect the absentee ballots from residents of nursing homes, hospices or congregate housing units. Somewhat incorporated into LD 1594.

LD: 1281 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LIQUOR LAWS

ND: 400

HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

TELOW
TWITCHELL
BUSTIN
PERRY
PUBLIC
CH # 133

SUMMARY:

This bill requires that an employee in a retail liquor store cannot receive payment for the liquor if under 17. A person of legal drinking age must be present at all times in

a supervisory capacity. The same applies to on-premise consumption licensees. But see LD 820.

In addition, this bill repeals the "sunset" provision which applies to licenses to sell beer and wine at outdoor stadiums.

LD: 1282 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR REGISTRATION OF BOTTLE CLUBS HANDY MURPHY E
ND: 223

HOUSE Enacted PUBLIC
SENATE Enacted CH # 132
GOV SIGNED

SUMMARY:

This bill provides for the registration of bottle clubs and places restrictions and responsibilities on the owners and operators of the bottle clubs.

LD: 1295 AN ACT CONCERNING BLOOD TESTS FOR CERTAIN DRIVERS INVOLVED IN MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS BROWN D DAVIS

ONTP HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill would have permitted a blood specimen to be taken without the driver's consent to determine the driver's blood-alcohol level in cases where the driver is involved in a motor vehicle accident, there is probable cause that the driver was operating under the influence and the driver is unconscious or unable to give consent to the test.

LD: 1303 AN ACT TO PROVIDE A LICENSE TO FLORISTS FOR SALE OF WINE AND CHAMPAGNE IN CONNECTION WITH FLORAL BUSINESS HICKEY PARADIS P
ND: 546

HOUSE Enacted PUBLIC
SENATE Enacted CH # 138
GOV SIGNED

SUMMARY:

This bill creates a new liquor license for florists who want to sell table wine, including champagne, in their flower arrangements. The florist must meet State Liquor Commission qualifications and maintain a stock of flowers, cut flowers and flower supplies.