

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

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Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

rent unless the landlord provided written notice to the tenant at the time of entering into the rental agreement that a late penalty may be charged.

LD AN ACT TO REQUIRE MONTHLY MONITORING AND LVWD  
850 REPORTING OF POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF UTILITY  
COMPANIES DURING UTILITY-RELATED REFERENDUM  
INITIATING CAMPAIGNS

Sponsor: HANDY, Jalbert, Holt, Reeves  
Committee Report: LVWD

project and then account for expenses involved in political campaigns. The purpose is to ensure that utility rates do not reflect the utility companies' expenditures on campaigns.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE LIQUOR LAWS AS THEY PERTAIN ND LD 1655  
852 TO STATE BREWERS

Sponsor: RAND, Coles  
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1655

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1655.

LD AN ACT RELATING TO POSSESSION OF UNUSED LVWD  
853 PORTIONS OF WINE AT CATERED EVENTS

Sponsor: RACINE  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: Under current law, a person who hires a caterer who serves wine cannot keep any opened bottles of wine which are left over after the catered event. This bill would allow caterers to distribute the opened bottles of wine to the person who hired the caterer.

LD AN ACT GIVING THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, DEPUTY INDEF PP  
886 AND INSPECTORS FULL LAW ENFORCEMENT POWERS

Sponsor: MATTHEWS, Z., Kany, Richard  
Committee Report: OTP-A (Majority)  
ONTP (Minority)

Amendments Adopted:  
S-109 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: Current law provides that the State Fire Marshal, the deputy and the inspectors have the same law enforcement powers and duties as sheriffs have, except that their powers are limited to carrying out their fire-related

duties. This bill would give them all the powers of sheriffs and would remove the statutory limitations.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-109) would take those powers away from the inspectors and grant them instead to the investigators and the supervisors of the investigators.

LD 896 AN ACT CONCERNING PRIZES AWARDED BY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS ND LD 1598

Sponsor: MANNING, Dutremble, D., Dillenback, Holloway  
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1598

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1598.

LD 904 AN ACT TO REGULATE POLITICAL ADVERTISING IN PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AREAS ONTP

Sponsor: PARADIS, P.  
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: Current law prohibits the placement of commercial signs on any traffic sign or signal. This bill would extend the prohibition to political signs as well.

LD 927 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECOVERY OF CIVIL DAMAGES FROM SHOPLIFTERS LVWD

Sponsor: DELLERT, Seavey, Clark, N., Brannigan  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would allow a store or other establishment to collect damages of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500, plus court costs, from a shoplifter or his or her parents. Current law already provides adequate remedies.

LD 932 AN ACT RELATING TO UPDATING VOTING LISTS LVWD

Sponsor: CARTER, Mayo, Melendy, Berube  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: Current law provides that a registrar may remove names from the voting list of people who become disqualified to vote or have apparently abandoned their residence in the municipality. This bill would also allow the removal of the names of people who have failed to vote in at least one of the last 3 elections.