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## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES MAY 1988

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 for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::

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

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Laurette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.

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have disqualified anyone who had ever been convicted of OUI.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-534) prohibits licensure as a school bus driver for 6 years after an OUI conviction. It also raises the minimum age from 18 to 21.

LD An Act to Prohibit Publication of Names of Concealed Weapon PUBLIC 2487 Permit Holders 642

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#### SUMMARY

New Draft Of LD 2069

Current law provides that concealed firearms permit applications are confidential, although the information in the issued permits is public information. The original bill would have made the permits confidential as well. The New Draft (LD 2487) simply prohibits municipalities from publishing the lists of concealed firearms permit holders in the town report, but information is still considered public information.

LD Resolve, to Allow Joel Batzell of West Farmington to Bring ONTP 2540 Civil Action Against the State of Maine

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### SUMMARY

This Resolve would have allowed Mr. Batzell to sue the State for allegedly improper supervision and treatment at the Augusta Mental Health Institute, and for injuries sustained by Mr. Batzell when he attempted to elude police.

LDAn Act to Clarify Reporting Requirements under theRECOMMITTED2541Campaign Finance LawsTO CMTE

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#### SUMMARY

New Draft Of LD 2109

In this New Draft of LD 2109, the law concerning reporting of contributions of items to be auctioned would have been clarified to require a single report. In addition, the reporting period of the first campaign financing report would have been extended to cover more than the previous 6 months, as is the limit under current law.

See LD 2109

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Senate Amendment "A" (S-351) (not accepted) would have clarified how the value of a donated item to be auctioned should be reported.

The bill was recommitted to Committee. See original bill, LD 2109.

LDAn Act to Change the Definition of Wine CoolersPUBLIC2544649

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COMMITTEE	REPORT	AMENDME	INTS ADOPTED
		H-513	ANTHONY

#### SUMMARY

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ND Maj Rpt of 2104

Current law includes "wine coolers" under the bottle bill, beginning April 1, 1988. The definition of wine cooler includes more wine beverages than simply wine coolers. The original bill would have revised the definition to be based on at least 15% added water.

The New Draft (LD 2544) (Majority Report) would have changed the definition of wine cooler to be based on at least 3% added water.

House Amendment "A" (H-513) changes the definition to be based on any amount of added water. It also requires the Bureau of Public Services to report on the effect of the law by January 15, 1989.

LD	An Act Concerning Charter Changes in Quasi-Municipal	PUBLIC
2583	Corporations or Districts	704

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VOSE		H-524 BROWN
		S-387 CLARK N

#### SUMMARY

New Draft Of LD 2135

The original bill (LD 2135) would have enacted a procedure, similar to municipal charter procedures, for changing the charters of quasi-municipal corporations.

The New Draft (LD 2583) provides a simplified procedure for amending or revising the charters of quasi-municipal corporations or districts. In general, the procedure provides for local approval before legislative action.

House Amendment "A" (H-524) makes a technical correction.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-387) changes the definitions of "amendment" and "revision", and provides for ballot inspection and recount.

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