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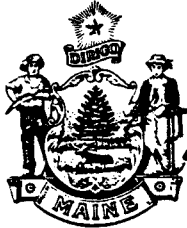
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES  
MAY 1988**

*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::*

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

*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.*

*Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.*

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.

**LD** An Act to Change the Definition of Wine Coolers  
**2544**

**PUBLIC**  
**649**  
**EMERGENCY**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-513 ANTHONY

SUMMARY

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  
**2583** Corporations or Districts

**PUBLIC**  
**704**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
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.