

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH 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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>LVWD</b>	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

5. Specifies what type of information must be provided and considered in the license application process and requires applicants to give the Chief of the State Police consent to review accounts and records, including confidential information, to assure compliance with the law;
6. Requires terminals to be placed in an area physically separated from other areas of the premises and requires the area to be clearly labelled as an area not open to persons under 21 years of age and to be under observation of the licensee or the licensee's agent at all times;
7. Clarifies that the payback value of at least 80% must be achieved for each type of game offered by each terminal;
8. Establishes an account for the deposit of the State's share of funds under the law and provides criminal penalties for failure to deposit funds due the State;
9. Makes distributing or operating an unlicensed terminal and manufacturing, distributing or operating terminals without a license a Class C crime, and makes violation of any other provision of the law for which no other penalty is specified a Class D crime.
10. Requires a person to obtain a special entertainment permit from the municipality in which the machines will be located; and
11. Permits the Chief of the State Police to have a terminal taken off the computer system and disabled if there are certain violations of Title 17, chapter 16 or if the chief suspects that the terminal has been tampered with.

LD 1135 was included in the budget bill, LD 1967, but was deleted by House Amendment D (H-743).

LD 1135 was recommitted to the Appropriations Committee and carried over to the Second Regular Session.

**LD 1143**

**An Act to Disseminate More Rapidly Information Concerning Missing Children**

**PUBLIC 201**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
 FARNUM  
 BOWERS  
 PENDEXTER  
 MATTHEWS

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
 OTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill changes the definition of missing child to mean any person under the age of 18 years whose whereabouts are unknown to the child's legal custodian. The bill also deletes the provision giving a law enforcement agency up to 48 hours after receiving a missing child report before making an entry into the National Crime Information Center and the Maine Wanted and Missing computer systems. Under this bill, when a preliminary investigation by a law enforcement agency indicates that a child is missing, that information would be entered immediately so that all law enforcement agencies have access to the data. The bill also requires the agency to update entries within 60 days with any additional information, including, where available, medical and dental records. With these changes, Maine's statute will mirror the National Child Search Assistance Act of 1990.