

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

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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 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.

House Amendment "B" (H-713) adds a fiscal note.

House Amendment "C" (H-730) removes the emergency clause and preamble.

**LD 1979**

**An Act Providing Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1991, June 30, 1992 and June 30, 1993**

**PUBLIC 591  
EMERGENCY**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
CHONKO

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

S-467 BRANNIGAN  
S-468 BRANNIGAN

**SUMMARY**

LD 1979 is the omnibus appropriations bill, parts of which affect liquor sales in the state. Part Z of LD 1979 enacts the language of LD 1678, which lists the location of each state liquor store currently operating and requires the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages to maintain stores in those locations, unless the law is amended. Part Z includes LD 1678, as amended by the Legal Affairs Committee, and with one additional change that anticipates the possible closing of stores in municipalities that currently have more than one state liquor store. Instead of requiring the state to maintain two stores in municipalities that currently have two, the law requires at least one store in each of those municipalities and requires at least two stores in Bangor, which currently has three stores. An earlier provision in the budget bill requires the closure of five state liquor stores.

Part PP of the bill permits state and agency liquor stores to be open on Sundays, from noon to 5 p.m., regardless of whether the municipality has voted to permit Sunday sales.

Part VV of LD 1979 repeals the law enacted earlier this year permitting wine licensees to sell low-alcohol spirits products (see LD 1833, P.L. c. 449), and enacts the same law as an emergency measure.

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