

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**MAY 1992**

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 far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

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

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, especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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

**An Act to Restore Control and Stability to the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages****SPONSOR(S)**

PLOURDE  
TAMMARO  
STEVENS A  
MILLS

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM MAJ  
ONTP MIN

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

H-1120 MAJ REP

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have lowered the number of state liquor stores required to be closed in this fiscal year from 16 to 8. The bill would have also repealed statutory authority to merge the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and the Bureau of the Lottery.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1120) would have replaced the bill. It would have repealed all authority to close state liquor stores and deleted provisions of the bill requiring the State Liquor Commission to submit a report on the operation of the state and agency liquor store system and repealing authority to merge the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and the Bureau of the Lottery.

**LD 2356 An Act to Strengthen the Campaign Finance Reporting Laws****SPONSOR(S)**

MAYO  
GWADOSKY  
LAWRENCE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

H-1131  
H-1141 MAYO  
S-717 CAHILL P

**SUMMARY**

The bill makes several changes in the laws governing campaign finance reporting, including changes that:

1. Require each candidate to appoint a treasurer for the candidate's campaign and make the treasurer responsible for filing campaign finance reports;
2. Require persons who accept contributions or make expenditures for a candidate to report contributions or expenditures to the campaign treasurer;
3. Require candidates to file campaign termination reports showing deficits or surpluses to be carried over to the next campaign;
4. Permit a candidate to dispose of surplus campaign funds by paying for any expense incurred in the proper performance of the office to which the candidate is elected;
5. Require party committees that receive or spend more than \$1,500 in one calendar year to file reports with the Commission;
6. Exempt certain campaign items, such as balloons, combs and matchbooks, from the requirement that all items include a disclaimer of who authorized and who paid for the items;
7. Clarify when corporations, subsidiaries and units of corporations are considered the same entity with respect to campaign contributions;
8. Require the reporting of contributions aggregating \$1,000 or more from any one contributor or any single expenditure of \$1,000 or more that are made 11 days or less before an election;