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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH 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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

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

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

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SPONSOR(S)
RYDELL**COMMITTEE REPORT**
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
H-65**SUMMARY**

This bill allows proceeds from beano, bingo or lucky seven games to defray the expenses or part of the expenses of activities that further the purpose for which the organization is formed.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-65) accomplishes the original intent of the bill while making technical corrections. The amendment also allows organizations who conduct beano, bingo or lucky seven games to use the proceeds to defray the expenses or part of the expenses of a member, auxiliary member, officer or employee for a serious illness or casualty loss. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

SPONSOR(S)
LIPMAN**COMMITTEE REPORT**
ONTP**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill would have restricted who may deliver absentee ballots to voters and who may return those ballots to the town clerk to the following persons: the voter's spouse; a blood relative or guardian; the absentee ballot clerk; or 2 persons, each representing one of the 2 major political parties.

SPONSOR(S)
JACQUES**COMMITTEE REPORT**
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
H-83**SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits a person who is not permitted to carry a firearm from obtaining a license or permit issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for any activity that utilizes a firearm. It also requires a person who applies for a license or permit from the department to sign a written statement verifying either that that person is not prohibited from possessing a firearm or that person is so prohibited but has been issued a permit allowing that person to possess a firearm.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-83) requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend the applications for firearm licenses or permits to include a statement, which the applicant must sign, of the right to possess a firearm. The amendment eliminates the need for forms in addition to the application. The amendment also clarifies that the department shall amend the license applications before the issuance of the 1994 licenses and adds a fiscal note to the bill.