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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES

JULY 1993

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:

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

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- 13. Required that 5% of the State's percentage of proceeds from video gambling must be spent on treatment of compulsive gambling.
- 14. Added 3 new Class D crimes that a licensee may commit: extending credit to a person in order for the person to play a video lottery terminal; permitting a person to use a credit card as a method of payment for playing a video lottery terminal; and permitting a visibly intoxicated person to play a video lottery terminal.
- 15. Clarified that manufacturing, distributing, selling, operating or placing a gray area machine in the State is a Class C crime.
- 16. Required the Bureau of the State Police to pay the Attorney General from the Video Lottery Fund for costs of legal services.
- 17. Provided that start-up costs of \$500,000 be advanced to the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police.
- 18. Specified that a person may not operate a video lottery terminal until January 1,1994.
- 19. Added a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-297) would have required the State to set aside 3/4 of 1% of the state share of net terminal income as follows:

- 1. One half of that amount to the Sire Stakes Fund: and
- 2. One half of that amount in the aggregate to:
 - A. Substance abuse treatment;
 - B. Project Graduation; and
 - C. Homeless shelters.

The amendment also would have replaced the allocations and fiscal note of the committee amendment.

LD 930

An Act to Limit the Physical Presence of Candidates at Voting Places on Election Day

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SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

LIPMAN

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SUMMARY

This bill would have prohibited candidates from orally communicating with voters within 250 feet of the voting place or the registrar's office. The bill would not have prohibited a candidate from attending the voting place in order to cast the candidate's vote.