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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE
THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing 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 publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, is helpful in determining to which committee any particular bill was referred.

In this document, 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, together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various categories of final action are abbreviated as follows:

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

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If more detailed information is needed on a bill, contact the committee analyst.

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LD 1374 An Act to Increase the Returnable Bottle Fee

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
JONES K

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill raises the minimum deposit and refund value of beverage containers from 5¢ to 10¢. This bill also raises the minimum deposit and refund value of wine and spirits containers from 15¢ to 30¢.

LD 1419 An Act to Modify the Licensure Act for Substance Abuse Counselors

PUBLIC 394

SPONSOR(S)
LIBBY JL

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-427
S-326 HARRIMAN

SUMMARY

This bill brings credentialing nomenclature of the statute into conformity with that of other member states and entities of the International Certification Reciprocity Consortium and the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors by:

1. Changing the name of the board from the "State Board of Substance Abuse Counselors" to the "State Board of Alcohol and Drug Counselors;"
2. Changing the title of licensed and registered practitioners to "licensed alcohol and drug counselor" and "registered alcohol and drug counselor"; and
3. Eliminating the credential of "associated substance abuse counselor."

The bill authorizes the board to establish by rule uniform and clearly intelligible standards for the clinical supervision of all practitioners who engage in alcohol and drug counseling. These standards include the requirement that those persons supervising alcohol and drug abuse counselors meet the criteria of several national organizations and the rules of the State Board of Alcohol and Drug Counselors.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-427) exempts psychiatrists, psychologists, doctoral level clinical counselors and physicians from the necessity to meet the criteria of national organizations in order to be able to supervise substance abuse counselors.

This amendment removes the requirement for 250 hours of supervised experience as a requirement for biennial license renewal for a substance abuse counselor. This will leave the one mandatory requirement of 50 hours of continuing education related to alcohol and drug abuse counseling and such other continued professional learning and training as the board may require.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-583) restores the language regarding the qualifications for clinical supervision to that as proposed in the original bill with the exception that the State Board of Alcohol and Drug Counselors may establish equivalent qualifications to those of the national organization in order to qualify. (Not adopted)

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-326) adds clinical nurse specialists, counselors and social workers to the professions that the board may certify to directly supervise alcohol and drug abuse counselors. Other persons supervising alcohol and drug abuse counselors must meet the criteria of 2 national organizations and rules established by the board.

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