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**STATE OF MAINE
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees
August 1999

We are pleased to provide this summary of all bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select Committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

CARRIED OVER.....Bill carried over to Second Regular Session
CON RES XXX..... Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE.....Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES.....House & Senate disagree; bill died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT.....Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
EMERGENCY..... Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
ENACTMENT FAILED..... Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
INDEF PP.....Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONT P..... Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OT P ND..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
OT P ND/NT..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
P & S XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PUBLIC XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED.....Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED.....Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999.

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LD 91 proposed to prohibit the Tri-State Lotto Commission from charging sales agents the balance of the difference between actual sales from an agents machine and the quota set by the commission if the sales agents do not meet the quota.

LD 122

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine
to Amend the Timing of Elections Following the Submission of a Petition
for People's Veto**

CON RES 1

Sponsor(s)
LONGLEY

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
S-24

LD 122 proposed to amend the Constitution of Maine to require that a people's veto be submitted to the people either at a regular statewide or general election, whichever comes first, not less than 60 days after the Governor's proclamation that the petition will be submitted to the voters. This resolution eliminates language in the constitution that authorizes the Governor to call a special election for purposes of submitting a petition for a people's veto to the voters.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-24) This amendment adds a fiscal note to the resolution.

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Constitutional Resolution 1999, chapter 1 requires that a people's veto be submitted to the people either at a regular statewide election or a general election, whichever comes first, no less than 60 days after the Governor's proclamation that the people's veto will be put before the voters of the State. Under this resolution, the Governor is no longer authorized to call a special election for the purposes of a people's veto vote.

LD 131

An Act to Amend the Beano and Games of Chance Statutes

PUBLIC 63

Sponsor(s)
DAGGETT
TUTTLE

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
S-25

LD 131 proposed to amend the Beano and games of chance statutes by:

1. Making a technical change by deleting unnecessary language.
2. Amending the statute that permits licensing of Beano games to make it clear that only Maine organizations may be licensed.
3. Amending the games of chance disposition of funds reporting requirements to require monthly reports for annual licensees rather than annual reports.

This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Public Safety.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-25) changed the number of days by which a disposition of funds report is due from a Beano licensee from six days to 10 business days.

Enacted law summary