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**STATE OF MAINE
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**BILL SUMMARIES
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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*
ONTP..... *Ought Not To Pass report accepted*
OTP ND..... *Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft*
OTP 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.

LD 773 proposed to require that the missing-in-action flag be flown from each flag pole where the state flag is flown.

LD 850

An Act to Institute Wild Number Beano

PUBLIC 419

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PERKINS		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-675
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LD 850 proposed to allow an organization licensed to conduct beano to conduct wild number beano. "Wild number beano" means a beano game or series of beano games in which a number is picked or denoted as a wild number that can be used to fit any number or letter on a beano card.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-675) proposed to make technical corrections to the original bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 419 allows an organization licensed to conduct beano to conduct wild number beano. "Wild number beano" means a beano game or series of beano games in which a number is picked or denoted as a wild number that can be used to fit any number of letter on a beano card.

LD 865

An Act to Make Uniform Hours for Agency Liquor Stores

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MICHAUD		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP MAJ OTP MIN		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 865 proposed to remove the prohibition on selling liquor on Sunday mornings before 9 a.m., which would make hours of sale the same for all days of the week.

LD 868

An Act to Eliminate the Requirement of Cash on Delivery for Beer and Wine Sales to Businesses

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PINGREE MACK		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP MAJ OTP MIN		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 868 proposed to repeal the law which requires cash, check or credit card payment by a licensee upon delivery of liquor by a wholesale licensee.