

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
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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](http://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 1074****An Act to Change the Percent of Gross Sales of Tri-State Lotto That May Be Paid Out As Prizes****PUBLIC 64**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAREY	OTP	S-30 DAGGETT

LD 1074 proposed to increase from 50% to 60% the percentage of Tri-state Lotto proceeds that may be paid out as prizes from 50% to 60%.

This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

**Senate Amendment "A" (S-30)** added a fiscal note to the bill.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 64 increases the percentage of Tri-state Lotto proceeds that may be paid out as prizes from 50% to 60%.

**LD 1077****An Act to Prevent Minors from Acquiring Beer-making or Wine-making Equipment****PUBLIC 103**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
O'GARA TUTTLE	OTP	

LD 1077 proposed to prohibit the sale or furnishing of equipment that is specifically constructed, manufactured or marketed for the purpose of brewing malt liquor or fermenting or making wine to a person who is under 21 years of age except by a parent, legal guardian or custodian for use in a supervised manner. It would also prohibits possession of the equipment by a person who is under 21 years of age, unless the person is working in the scope of employment or is in the person's own home under the supervision of a parent, legal guardian or custodian. Both offenses are civil violations.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 103 prohibits the sale or furnishing of equipment for making beer or wine to a person under the age of 21 years except by a legal guardian for use under supervision. The prohibition does not apply when the use of the equipment is within the scope of the minor's employment. A violation of this provision is a civil offense.

**LD 1078****An Act to Extend Term Limits for Elected Officials and Constitutional Officers****DIED IN CONCURRENCE**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLS	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	

LD 1078 proposed to extend the number of years of service authorized under the term limits law from eight to 12 years for Legislators, the Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State and the Attorney General and from eight to 12 years for the State Auditor. The bill would have also required that the voters of the State vote on this matter at the general election held in the year 2000.