

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees**  
**July 2000**

We are pleased to provide this summary of 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:

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  
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote  
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Bill failed to get majority vote  
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT..... Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote  
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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000.

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added bowling center lounges and pool halls to the exceptions to the law which bans smoking in public places.

**House Amendment "C" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1168)** As proposed, this amendment incorporates the changes made by the proposed Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A", which would strike all provisions pertaining to self-contained lounges in a Class A restaurant/lounge. In addition, this amendment proposed to clarify the definition of a bowling center lounge and remove the provisions that would exempt a bowling center lounge from the ban on smoking.

**Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-669)**, which was not adopted, proposed to remove the provisions of Committee Amendment "A" that would have defined "self-contained lounges" as lounges, thus removing the exemption from smoking restrictions for such lounges.

**Senate Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-670)**, which was not adopted, proposed to remove the provisions of Committee Amendment "A" that would have defined "bowling center lounges" as lounges, thus removing the exemption for bowling center lounges from smoking restrictions.

**Senate Amendment "C" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-671)**, which was not adopted, proposed to require the Department of Human Services to make rules requiring separate ventilation systems for establishments licensed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22 that have designated smoking areas as provided by Title 22, section 1542.

**Senate Amendment "D" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-672)**, which was not adopted, proposed to require that the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement apply a fee to the annual license of an on-premise establishment that permits smoking in accordance with the terms of its license. The fee would be an amount equal to the square footage of floor space in any enclosed area where smoking is permitted multiplied by \$3.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 760 defines pool hall within the liquor laws and includes pool halls among other facilities which may apply to obtain licenses to serve beer and wine to be consumed on the premises. Under this law, pool halls are exempt from the ban on smoking when persons under the age of 18 are prohibited from being on the premises.

**LD 2548**

**An Act to Raise Production Limits for Microbreweries**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STANWOOD GOLDTHWAIT	ONTP	

LD 2548 proposed to raise the amount of malt liquor a small brewery would be able to produce per year from 50,000 gallons to 100,000 gallons.