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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
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Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 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*
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 First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is **September 21, 2001**.

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Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans' Affairs

Public Law 2001, chapter 295 permits federally recognized Indian tribes licensed to conduct high-stakes beano and high-stakes bingo to operate those games on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

LD 123 **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require Signatures From All Counties on Direct Initiative Petitions** **DIED IN CONCURRENCE**

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

LD 123 proposed amending the Constitution of Maine to require that at least 5% of the number of signatures required on a petition to directly initiate legislation be collected in each of the 16 counties.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-169), which was not adopted, proposed to replace the original resolution by amending the statutes governing the circulation of petitions that directly initiate legislation. This amendment proposed to require that petitions circulated to directly initiate legislation include signatures from 10 of the State's 16 counties. As proposed, the number of petition signatures collected in those counties must equal 5% of the vote for Governor cast in that county in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of that petition.

LD 133 **An Act to Allow Beverage Sales from Mobile Service Vehicles on Golf Courses** **DIED BETWEEN BODIES**

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

LD 133 proposed to permit the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement to license golf courses to serve liquor on the course from a mobile service bar.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-80), which was not adopted, proposed to add several new provisions to the original bill pertaining to a golf course mobile service bar license. The amendment proposed to establish the annual license fee for a mobile service bar at \$100 and proposed to limit sales from a mobile service bar to just malt liquor. It also would have required that a licensee ensure that malt liquor would be served to only those engaged in a round of golf, that the cart would not be operated during a tournament including persons under 21 years of age, under this amendment patrons would not be permitted to transport open containers of malt liquor across a public way. It also specified that the operator of a mobile service bar must successfully complete an alcohol server education course approved by the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement within the Department of Public Safety. The amendment also would have required that the bureau revoke a license for a mobile service bar for violation of the liquor laws or any rule adopted by the bureau. The amendment proposed to remove the emergency provision in the original bill and would have added a sunset to repeal the section that provides for the mobile service bar license on January 1, 2004.