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*Bill Summaries*

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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](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*  
*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

**LD 1185**

### **An Act to Amend the Liquor Laws to Expand Employment Opportunities for Adults 18 to 21 Years of Age**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GLYNN		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1185 proposed to decrease to 18 years of age the age at which a person could sell malt liquor or wine and function as a supervisor to someone between the ages of 17 and 18 years old. This bill also proposed to require all employees who are less than 21 years old, prior to being allowed to sell malt liquor or wine, to take and pass a class offered by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Liquor Enforcement on recognizing fake identification, the laws regarding sales of liquor and the penalties for failing to abide by those laws.

Current law permits a person more than 17 years of age but less than 21 years of age to sell malt liquor and wine only if in the presence of a supervisor who is at least 21 years of age.

**LD 1201**

### **An Act to Require the State to Provide Flags for Persons Who Are Listed on the Law Enforcement Memorial Located on State Street in Augusta**

**PUBLIC 309**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DAVIS P NORBERT		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-192
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LD 1201 proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety to provide a flag for the grave sites of certain public servants who are listed on the memorials located at the State Capitol complex memorial site.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-192)** replaced the original bill and required the Commissioner of Public Safety to provide flag holders and Maine flags for the gravesites of the officers listed on the law enforcement memorial, located in the State Capitol complex memorial site, if the gravesites can be reasonably found. This amendment also established the Flags For Public Servants Fund, to fund the costs of providing the flags and flag holders. It also required that this fund be the sole revenue source for the flag and flag holder purchases. This amendment also required that the agency that represents the slain officer place the flag holder and flag at the gravesite and if this can not be done, then the commissioner may designate the Bureau of State Police to place the flag holder and flag at the gravesite.

This amendment also adds an allocation section and a fiscal note to the bill.