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Bill Summaries

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on
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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

LD 1307

**An Act to Amend the Lobbyist Disclosure Procedures Laws
Administered by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and
Election Practices**

ONTP

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1307 proposed to amend the definition of "lobbying" and define the term "pecuniary benefit." The bill proposed to clarify what names should be included on registration forms. The bill also would have specified that the specific dollar amount of compensation received for the time spent to make a presentation should be included in monthly reports. The bill proposed to prohibit a lobbyist from giving, offering or promising a contribution to the Governor, a member of the Legislature or a constitutional officer while the Legislature is in session.

LD 1321

**An Act to Change the Status of the Discount State Liquor Store in
Calais**

INDEF PP

Sponsor(s)
MORRISON

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted

LD 1321 proposed to remove the discount store status from the state liquor store located in Calais.

LD 1323

**An Act to Shorten the Period in which the Bureau of Liquor
Enforcement Acts on Appeals**

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
DUPLESSIE

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1323 proposed to require the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Liquor Enforcement to hold a hearing on an appeal of a liquor license denial by a municipality within 60 days of the filing of the appeal.

LD 1337

**An Act to Hold Petition Circulators to the Same Standards as
Political Candidates**

**DIED IN
CONCURRENCE**

Sponsor(s)
LAVERDIERE
KILKELLY

Committee Report
ONTP MAJ
OTP-AM MIN

Amendments Adopted

LD 1337 proposed to prohibit the circulator of a direct initiative petition from presenting any such petition and requesting voter signatures in the voting place or within 250 feet of the entrance to the voting place.