

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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*First Regular Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Legal and Veterans' Affairs*

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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees**  
**August 2001**

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 1382**

**An Act to Permit Internet-based Communications to Facilitate the Purchase and Distribution of Wine**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DAGGETT NORBERT	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1382 proposed to permit the interstate shipment of wine ordered via the Internet. Under this bill, wine shipped into the State would be delivered to a wholesaler or certificate of approval holder licensed by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Liquor Enforcement. As proposed, the wholesale licensee or the certificate of approval holder could deliver the wine to an off-premises licensee. The off-premises licensee could deliver the wine to a person within the State who is at least 21 years of age as proposed by this bill.

**LD 1389**

**Resolve, to Study the Various Types of Ballots Used in the State**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MICHAEL	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1389 was a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This resolve proposed to establish a study commission to examine the types of ballots used in the State. Other ballot-related issues included in the study were:

1. The ease of use of ballots;
2. The accuracy of the ballots;
3. The methods and problems with counting ballots; and
4. The methods and problems involving recounts of ballots.

**LD 1415**

**An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Harness Racing**

**PUBLIC 300  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CHIZMAR KNEELAND	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-441
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LD 1415 proposed to allow a new commercial harness horse racing track to open and participate in the various funds in the event an existing track goes out of business. The bill also proposed to provide for payment to a