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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 arranged alphabetically by committee name 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:

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
PASSED	Joint Order passed in both bodies
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 July 25, 2002.

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ensure that the value of the waiver, combined with other grants and benefits, does not exceed the total cost of the education.

LD 1883

An Act to Clarify the On-premise Liquor License Application Process

PUBLIC 500

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS P LABRECQUE	OTP	

LD 1883 proposed to clarify that municipal officers or county commissioners have 60 days to take final action on a new application for an on-premise liquor license. Under this bill, renewal license applications would have to be approved within 120 days.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 500 clarifies that municipal officers or county commissioners have 60 days to take final action on a new application for an on-premise liquor license. Renewal license applications must be approved within 120 days.

LD 1886

Resolve, Directing the Director of the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement to Study the Equity of Fees for Establishments Licensed to Sell Liquor for On-premises Consumption

RESOLVE 82

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BENNETT TUTTLE	OTP-AM	S-453

LD 1886 proposed to reduce the fee for a Class II license under the retail liquor sales law to \$220 per year.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-453) proposed to replace the bill and direct the Director of the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement within the Department of Public Safety to study the equity of fees for establishments licensed to sell spirits, wine and malt liquor for on-premises consumption. The report would be submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over alcoholic beverages matters by December 31, 2003. This amendment would also add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2001, chapter 82 directs the Director of the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement within the Department of Public Safety to study the equity of fees for establishments licensed to sell spirits, wine and malt liquor for on-premises consumption. The report is to be submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over alcoholic beverages matters by December 31, 2003.