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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 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.

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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Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans' Affairs

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.