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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:

<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i>
<i>OTP ND</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>OTP ND/NT</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PASSED</i>	<i>Joint Order passed in both bodies</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

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

LD 2015

An Act to Amend Certain Statutes Regarding Beano and Games of Chance

PUBLIC 538

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHIZMAR	OTP-AM	H-848

LD 2015 proposed to amend the laws regarding beano and games of chance as follows.

1. It would provide for a period of 60 days for the Chief of the State Police to process applications for beano and games of chance licenses.
2. It would allow the Chief of the State Police to require evidence from beano and games of chance licensees regarding conduct of the amusements.
3. It would require organizations desiring to be licensed to conduct games of chance to be in existence for 2 years before applying for a license.
4. It would allow licensed agricultural fair societies to use tokens in the denomination of \$1 for games of chance.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-848) proposed to strike the provisions in the original bill that would have required the Chief of the State Police to process the application for a beano or game of chance license in 60 days. It also proposed to make some technical changes to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 538 specifies that non-profit organizations must be in existence for 2 consecutive years in order to be eligible for a license to conduct games of chance. This law provides that the Chief of the State Police may require evidence from a licensee regarding the conduct of beano or games of chance in order to determine compliance with the laws governing those games. Chapter 538 also permits licensed agricultural fair societies to use tokens in the denomination of \$1 for games of chance.

LD 2023

An Act to Amend the Election Laws

PUBLIC 516

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE DOUGLASS	OTP-AM	H-776 S-422 DOUGLASS

LD 2023 proposed to permit a nonresident United States citizen who was born outside the United States and who has never lived in the United States to register and enroll using the last residence address of either parent immediately before leaving the United States. The bill proposed to clarify that the election officials must open the boxes of ballots on election day to verify the number of ballots received. This bill would set a time certain that the incoming voting list must remain sealed after an election. The bill would clarify the information that must be included in the election returns from the municipalities, as well as the Secretary of