

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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 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

**Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-512)** this amendment proposed to make tokens an optional means for controlling revenue in games of chance and would authorize the Chief of the State Police to adjust record-keeping and reporting requirements for licensees who choose to use tokens. The amendment also contains some technical redrafting of existing law and provides definitions for 4 previously undefined terms: "agricultural society," "gross revenue," "net revenue" and "tokens." Public Law 2001, chapter 672 makes the use of tokens an optional method for controlling revenue in games of chance conducted at agricultural fairs. It authorizes the Chief of the State Police to adjust record-keeping and reporting requirements for licensees who choose to use tokens.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 2001, chapter 672 makes the use of tokens an optional method for controlling revenue in games of chance conducted at agricultural fairs. It authorizes the Chief of the State Police to adjust record-keeping and reporting requirements for licensees who choose to use tokens.

Public Law 2001, chapter 672 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 11, 2002.

**LD 2063**

**An Act to Require Timely Consideration of Appeals of Decisions of the Registrar of Voters**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2063 proposed to require the registration appeals board in a town or city of 5,000 or more residents to convene on election day prior to the closing of the polls to consider any appeals that have arisen from decisions of the registrar of voters. The board would be required to meet in time to allow an aggrieved person to vote if the decision of the registrar is modified or reversed.

**LD 2123**

**An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Develop a Plan to Implement the Closure of State Liquor Stores**

**PUBLIC 711**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM    A	H-1122 – Committee of Conference
	ONTP        B	
	OTP-AM    C	

LD 2123 proposed to implement the recommendations of the Commission to Develop a Plan to Implement the Closure of State Liquor Stores. This bill proposed to require the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to continue to operate 19 state liquor stores. It proposed to repeal the 3.5 mile radius requirement when a state liquor store is replaced with an agency store. It would require an agent permitted to resell spirits and fortified wine purchased from the State Liquor Commission to a retail licensee licensed for on premise consumption to obtain a state reselling agent license for an annual fee of \$50. The bill also proposed to specify that all spirits sold by