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*State Of Maine
121st Legislature*

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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Legal and Veterans' Affairs*

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing and joint 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/billsumm.htm).

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
- 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 that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is April 30, 2004; and non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Special Session is July 30, 2004. Four bills (LD's 1572, 1629, 1636 and 1637) that were considered at the First Special Session in August 2003 are also included in these summaries.

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Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans' Affairs

LD 578

An Act To Increase the Sale of Lottery Tickets To Benefit Conservation and Wildlife

PUBLIC 516

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
DUPLESSIE	OTP-AM MAJ	H-635
BRYANT	ONTP MIN	

LD 578 proposed to require the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, State Liquor and Lottery Commission to issue \$2, \$3 and \$5 wildlife lottery game tickets, in addition to the \$1 tickets currently offered, to benefit the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund. The bill proposed to establish requirements for lottery agents regarding the sale of wildlife lottery game tickets. The requirements proposed would specify the number of different wildlife lottery game tickets the agent must offer based on the number of different instant tickets offered by the agent. The bill also proposed that a portion of revenues from the sale of wildlife lottery game tickets to promote the sale of those tickets.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-635) The amendment proposed to replace the bill and to increase the sales commission paid to agents for the sale of wildlife lottery tickets so that it would be one percentage point higher than the sales commission paid to agents for the sale of other instant tickets.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2003, chapter 516 increases the sales commission paid to agents for the sale of wildlife lottery game tickets to benefit the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund so that it is one percentage point higher than the sales commission paid to lottery agents for the sale of other instant tickets.

LD 640

An Act To Reduce the Voting Age Qualification for State Primary Elections for Voters Who Will Reach 18 Years of Age by the Time of the General Election

PUBLIC 577

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
CUMMINGS	OTP-AM MAJ	H-637
GAGNON	ONTP MIN	

LD 640

This constitutional resolution proposed to reduce the voting age qualifications by 12 months, subject to approval at referendum.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-637) proposed to replace the resolution. It proposed to amend current law to allow someone who is not yet 18 years of age, but will be at the time of a general election, to vote in the immediately preceding primary election for the selection of candidates.