

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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*State Of Maine  
122nd Legislature*

*Second Regular Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Legal and Veterans' Affairs*

*July 2006*

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### 122nd Maine Legislature Second Regular Session

#### 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 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](http://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 (Pocket Veto).....	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 August 23, 2006.

## *Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs*

**Senate Amendment “D” to Committee Amendment “A” (S-622)** proposed to strike all of Committee Amendment “A” except that part that dealt with the registration docket and disclosure website and changes in that section how often the docket needs to be updated from weekly to monthly and deletes the phrase “issues and topics” as it pertains to lobbying.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law, chapter 613 creates a docket of registered lobbyists and a website for the public display of lobbyist registration information. The docket includes the name of each registered lobbyist, the person employing the lobbyist and the nature of the employer’s business and a statement as to the compensation paid to the lobbyist. This docket must be updated monthly and must be indexed alphabetically by both the name of the lobbyist and the name of persons who employ lobbyists. This docket must be made available to the public during regular office hours of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices. This law also directs the commission to establish a publicly accessible website that displays a list of lobbyists and their employers and a profile of each. For each employer of a lobbyist, the website must also list all of the legislative actions that were the subject of lobbying including links to the Legislature’s website that provides summaries of legislative documents.

**LD 1830**

**An Act Regarding Promotional Materials and Mail-in Rebates for Spirits**

**PUBLIC 503**

Sponsor(s)  
PATRICK  
MAYO

Committee Report  
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted  
H-776

LD 1830 proposed to clarify the law regarding promotions in agency liquor stores to allow licensees to offer for sale any package or combination of packages of spirits or use marketing promotions for spirits that the State Liquor and Lottery Commission has approved for use in the State as long as they conform to the standards of the Federal Alcohol Administration Act.

**Committee Amendment “A” (H-776)** proposed to change the title and replace the bill. It would remove a reference to state liquor stores with regard to combination packages of spirits approved by the State Liquor and Lottery Commission for sale in the State. The amendment would also provide that promotional materials, including mail-in rebates, designed to encourage consumer purchase of spirits, upon approval by the commission, may be offered by those whose spirits are listed by the commission. The amendment would specify that mail-in rebates for spirits must be redeemed by the manufacturer and may not exceed the purchase price of the spirits product.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2005, chapter 503 clarifies the law regarding promotions in agency liquor stores. It provides that promotional materials, including mail-in rebates, designed to encourage consumer purchase of spirits, upon approval by the commission, may be offered for those spirits products that are listed by the commission. The law specifies that mail-in rebates for spirits must be redeemed by the manufacturer and may not exceed the purchase price of the spirits product. Finally, chapter 503 removes a reference to state liquor stores with regard to combination packages of spirits approved by the State Liquor and Lottery Commission for sale in the State.