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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 124th Maine Legislature coming from the

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all bills and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 124th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee, and within each committee by LD number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. The appendices include a summary of relevant session statistics, an index of all bills by LD number and an index of enacted laws by law type and chapter 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:

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| CARRIED OVER..... | Carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature |
| 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; bill died |
| ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report)..... | Ought Not To Pass report accepted; bill died |
| P&S XXX..... | Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law |
| 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 |

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature is September 12, 2009. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills.

Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs

LD 532

An Act Regarding Liquor Licenses Issued to Incorporated Civic Organizations

PUBLIC 102

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| CEBRA DIAMOND | OTP-AM | H-96 |

This bill allows an owner, employee or designated representative of a Maine farm winery to serve wine from the winery at an event at which an incorporated civic organization is licensed to serve or sell liquor.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-96)

This amendment replaces the bill and allows for alcoholic beverage manufacturers that have provided alcoholic beverages to be served at an event sponsored by an incorporated civic organization to assist the organization with serving patrons if a server working for the organization becomes unavailable.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 102 allows for alcoholic beverage manufacturers that have provided alcoholic beverages to be served at an event sponsored by an incorporated civic organization to assist the organization with serving patrons if a server working for the organization becomes unavailable.

LD 533

Resolve, Authorizing the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs To Report Out Legislation Regarding the Expansion of Slot Machine and Casino-style Gambling

RESOLVE 141

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| WATSON | OTP-AM | H-391 |

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to authorize the State to contract with an outside entity to establish a casino in Maine. Under the bill, the State would have control over all aspects of the development of the casino including the location, negotiating the specific terms of the agreement with the operator and the distribution of profits. The license to operate would be subject to a formal bid process in order to ensure the greatest return to the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-391)

This amendment replaces the bill, which was a concept draft. The amendment establishes a resolve directing the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs to develop a comprehensive policy regarding the expansion of slot machine and casino-style gambling in the State.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009 chapter 141 directs the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs to develop a comprehensive policy regarding the expansion of slot machine and casino-style gambling in the State and authorizes the committee to report out legislation to the second regular session of the 124th Legislature.