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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the Second 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 Second 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:

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

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature is Monday, July 12, 2010. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills.

Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development

LD 1774

An Act To Strengthen Collection of Unredeemed Beverage Container

Deposits

**PUBLIC 592
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN J L SCHNEIDER	OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	H-717

This bill amends the laws relating to beverage containers to provide that the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources may remove beverages from sale when the initiator of deposit is not in compliance with reporting and payment requirements.

This bill amends the laws governing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services to provide that the bureau may disclose to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources registration, reporting and payment information necessary for the administration and enforcement of the beverage container laws.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-717)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and incorporates a fiscal note.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-718)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and replaces the bill with a provision that exempts wine distributors that are not participants in commingling agreements and that have wine distributing facilities in this State from the laws governing unclaimed deposits for beverage containers. This amendment also removes the emergency preamble and the emergency clause.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 592 amends the laws relating to beverage containers to provide that the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources may remove beverages from sale when the initiator of deposit is not in compliance with reporting and payment requirements. It amends the laws governing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services to provide that the bureau may disclose to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources registration, reporting and payment information necessary for the administration and enforcement of the beverage container laws.

Public Law 2009, chapter 592 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 1, 2010.