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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND
ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 125th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD 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 LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

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; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCY..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX..... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX..... chapter # of enacted public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature is September 28, 2011. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

LD 504

Resolve, Directing the Department of Public Safety, Division of Liquor Licensing and Compliance To Amend Its Rules Governing the Return of Spirits by Consumers

RESOLVE 41

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE PATRICK	OTP-AM	H-119

Currently, rules prohibit the return of spirits by a consumer unless the product is defective. This bill authorizes agency liquor stores to accept spirits for exchange or return of the purchase price under certain conditions.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-119)

This amendment strikes the bill and makes it a resolve. The resolve requires the Department of Public Safety's Division of Liquor Licensing and Compliance to adopt rules permitting an agency liquor store to accept the return of an unopened bottle of spirits.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 41 requires the Department of Public Safety division of liquor licensing and compliance to adopt rules permitting an agency liquor store to accept the return or exchange of an unopened bottle of spirits.

LD 528

An Act To Change the Frequency of Alcoholic Beverage Tastings Allowed in a 12-month Period

PUBLIC 103

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PILON LANGLEY	OTP-AM	H-118

This bill changes the limit on the number of wine tastings that may be held in a 12-month period from 24 to 36.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-118)

This amendment applies the increase in the limit on tastings from 24 to 36 per year to malt liquor and spirits as well as wine.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 103 increases the limit on the number of alcoholic beverage tastings that may be conducted by a retail licensee from 24 to 36 per year.