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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* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 126th 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 126th Legislature is October 9, 2013. 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 15

An Act To Amend the Authorized Hours during Which Liquor May Be Sold and Purchased

PUBLIC 240

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| GILBERT PATRICK | OTP-AM ONTP | H-216 |

This bill allows a holder of a liquor license to sell or deliver liquor from 5 a.m. on any day until 1 a.m. of the following day except in those areas in which liquor may not be sold on Sundays. The bill also amends sections of law that deal with the sale of liquor on Sundays to reflect this change.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-216)

This amendment replaces the bill, which proposes to amend current law to allow licensees to sell or deliver liquor as early as 5 a.m. any day of the week. This amendment allows for the 5 a.m. sale and delivery of liquor Monday through Saturday but maintains current law prohibiting sale until 9 a.m. on all Sundays, except for Sundays falling on March 17th.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 240 provides that liquor licensees may sell or deliver liquor as early as 5 a.m. any day of the week Monday through Saturday but maintains current law prohibiting sale until 9 a.m. on all Sundays, except for Sundays falling on March 17th.

LD 24

An Act To Reduce the Number of Labels of Wine a Retailer Must Stock To Conduct a Wine Tasting

DIED BETWEEN HOUSES

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| HASKELL STUCKEY | ONTP OTP-AM | |

Current law allows an off-premise retail licensee stocking at least 125 different wine labels to conduct taste testings of wine on that licensee's premises.

This bill reduces the number of labels to 45.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-58)

This amendment, which was not adopted, is the minority report of the committee and provides that, until July 1, 2015, the number of wine labels required to be stocked by an off-premise retail licensee to be able to conduct a taste testing is reduced from 125 to 45 but only if the licensee does not also sell gasoline or diesel fuel at the same establishment.

LD 31

An Act To Increase Gaming Opportunities for Charitable Fraternal and Veterans' Organizations

CARRIED OVER

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| PATRICK BRIGGS | | |