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**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 128<sup>th</sup> 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. An appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

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 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature is Wednesday, November 1, 2017. 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 4**      **An Act To Amend the Licensing Requirements for Beano Halls Leased by Veterans' Organizations**      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KINNEY J DIAMOND B	ONTP	

This bill exempts a veterans' organization that is licensed to conduct beano or bingo games from the requirement to get a beano hall permit if that veterans' organization wishes to lease its facility as a beano hall to an organization licensed to conduct beano or bingo games.

**LD 5**      **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Exclude Wildlife Issues from Citizen Initiatives**      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WOOD S	ONTP	

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to provide that the laws of the State governing wildlife management may not be amended by the citizen initiative process.

**LD 30**      **An Act To Amend the Law Governing Special Amusement Permits for Liquor Licensees**      **PUBLIC 13**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TURNER B MAKER J	OTP-AM	H-11

Current law provides that dancing and some other forms of entertainment are prohibited on the premises of an establishment licensed to sell liquor for consumption on the premises unless the licensee has been issued a special amusement permit from the municipality where the establishment is located. This bill provides that dancing does not include dancing done in conjunction with the singing activity commonly known as "karaoke."

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-11)**

This amendment replaces the bill. Current law states that a person licensed to serve alcoholic beverages for consumption on the licensed premises must prohibit, with some limited exceptions, music, dancing and entertainment unless the licensee has received a special amusement permit from the municipality where the establishment is located. The amendment provides that a municipality may require a permit for music, dancing and entertainment based on what is permitted or prohibited by local ordinance or regulation. The amendment further specifies that when the liquor license is up for renewal a municipality may deny renewal if the establishment fails to obtain a required permit or fails to comply with the permit. The amendment removes certain requirements imposed upon the municipality governing the process for issuance of a permit for music, dancing or entertainment.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017 chapter 13 provides that a municipality may require a permit for music, dancing and entertainment based on what is permitted or prohibited by local ordinance or regulation. Chapter 13 further specifies that when the liquor license is up for renewal a municipality may deny renewal if the establishment fails to obtain a required permit or fails to comply with the permit. It also removes certain requirements imposed upon the municipality governing the process for issuance of a permit for music, dancing or entertainment.