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**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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 446 An Act To Allow Campgrounds To Operate Beano or Bingo**

**PUBLIC 47  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COLLINS R LUCHINI L	OTP-AM	S-21

This bill amends current law concerning the licensing of beano and bingo games in resort hotels. The bill adds campgrounds to the licensing provisions, removes the restriction on the number of seasonal licenses that may be issued and changes the license fee from \$10 to up to \$100.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-21)**

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment provides that a campground may conduct beano without a license if games are conducted only for campground patrons and their guests, prizes do not exceed \$25 per game and proceeds from the games are used only for prizes and to cover the actual costs of conducting the game. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 47 provides that a campground may conduct beano without a license if games are conducted only for campground patrons and their guests, prizes do not exceed \$25 per game and proceeds from the games are used only for prizes and to cover the actual costs of conducting the game.

Public Law 2017, chapter 47 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 7, 2017.

**LD 459 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, a Major Substantive Rule of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices**

**RESOLVE 13  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-183

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, a major substantive rule of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-183)**

This amendment provides that the provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices may be finally authorized if the rule is changed to strike provisions in the rule that state that, when a candidate authorizes other individuals to collect qualifying contributions, the candidate is responsible for ensuring that those individuals have received proper training in the procedures for collecting qualifying contributions and the candidate must exercise due diligence to ensure that contributions collected by others comply with the requirements of the Maine Clean Election Act.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2017, chapter 13 provides that the provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices may be finally authorized if the rule is changed to strike provisions in the rule that state that, when a candidate authorizes other individuals to collect qualifying contributions, the candidate is responsible for ensuring that those individuals have received proper training in the procedures for collecting qualifying contributions and the candidate must exercise due diligence to ensure that contributions