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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 128th 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 128th 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 852

An Act To Make Changes to the Maine Liquor Liability Act

PUBLIC 77

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MONAGHAN K	OTP-AM	H-80

This bill amends the Maine Liquor Liability Act to provide that the inability of a plaintiff to obtain investigative records from a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency constitutes good cause as to why the plaintiff could not reasonably file notice to all defendants within the 180-day limit.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-80)

This amendment clarifies that "good cause" is not limited to the inability of the plaintiff to obtain investigative records from a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 77 amends the Maine Liquor Liability Act to provide that the inability of a plaintiff to obtain investigative records from a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency constitutes good cause as to why the plaintiff could not reasonably file notice to all defendants within the 180-day limit. It specifically states that "good cause" is not limited to the inability of the plaintiff to obtain investigative records from a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency.

LD 853

An Act To Allow Beano at Campgrounds

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LUCHINI L COLLINS R	ONTP	

This bill provides an exception to the law that requires a license to conduct games of beano. The bill states that certain campgrounds are not required to get a license to operate beano games if the games are offered to campground patrons and their guests only and the value of a prize awarded for winning a game does not exceed \$25.

LD 879

An Act To Allow Any Person To Purchase Voter Registration Lists

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CASAS O	ONTP	

This bill allows any person to purchase voter registration information. Current law allows only candidates, office holders, political action committees and other similarly situated persons to purchase such information.

LD 883

**An Act To Establish a Minimum Payment for Signatures Gathered by
Maine Citizens for Referendums**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO T	ONTP	