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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

certification as to whether the organization has received money to influence elections in this State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-526)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, incorporates a fiscal note.

LD 1525 An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing Alcohol Manufacturer Licenses ONTP

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

This bill removes duplicative language regarding samples provided to the public by manufacturers licensed to produce wine, malt liquor and spirits in the State. The bill consolidates into one paragraph the provisions that govern the sale of a manufacturer's product for off-premises consumption to nonlicensees from the licensed manufacturer's facility. It also repeals and replaces in a separate subsection the provisions governing the authorization of a licensed manufacturer in the State to have a retail establishment licensed for the sale of liquor to be consumed on the premises, issued in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-A, chapter 43.

LD 1533 An Act To Update the Laws Relating to Liquor Licensing and Enforcement PUBLIC 167

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LUCHINI L	OTP-AM	H-363

This bill:

1. Replaces the term "golf club" with "golf course" to eliminate the confusion in Title 28-A between golf clubs and other types of clubs;
2. Eliminates a threshold amount for a single retail purchase of liquor;
3. Clarifies which type of establishments on the same premises as an off-premises retailer must serve full course meals or food;
4. Removes the requirement that a business prior to being considered for an agency liquor store license must have sold malt liquor and wine for one year and have been violation free for that same period;
5. Amends language that establishes a minimum inventory value of spirits based on the population threshold established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-A, section 461;
6. Removes language providing an exception for businesses with more than five locations in the State that are sold to a company that has sold malt liquor or wine in another state;
7. Eliminates the fee for an application for a relocation of an agency liquor store within the same municipality and adds a requirement that the application for relocation include proof that all existing agency liquor stores in the same municipality were notified of the relocation prior to approval by that municipality;
8. Repeals the requirement that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations hold a public hearing on the relocation application. The only approval needed is