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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 129th 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 129th Legislature is Thursday, September 19, 2019. 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 853 An Act To Facilitate Weekend Malt Liquor Purchases by Licensed Establishments

PUBLIC 122

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ANDREWS J LUCHINI L	OTP-AM	H-161

This bill permits retailers licensed for the sale of malt liquor to be consumed on the premises to purchase malt liquor from retailers licensed for the sale of malt liquor to be consumed off of the premises during weekend hours, when wholesalers and distributors are typically closed.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-161)

This amendment permits retailers licensed for on-premises consumption of malt liquor to purchase malt liquor from retailers licensed for the sale of malt liquor to be consumed off the licensed premises only during weekend hours and only two times annually. If an on-premises retailer purchases malt liquor from an off-premises retailer, the on-premises retailer must immediately notify both the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations and the retailer's malt liquor wholesaler of the purchase. The on-premises retailer may not purchase more than 10 gallons of malt liquor in a single weekend and must purchase the malt liquor from an off-premises retailer located within the same malt liquor wholesaler's sales territory.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 122 permits retailers licensed for on-premises consumption of malt liquor to purchase malt liquor from retailers licensed for the sale of malt liquor to be consumed off the licensed premises only during weekend hours and only two times annually. If an on-premises retailer purchases malt liquor from an off-premises retailer, the on-premises retailer must immediately notify both the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations and the retailer's malt liquor wholesaler of the purchase. The on-premises retailer may not purchase more than 10 gallons of malt liquor in a single weekend and must purchase the malt liquor from an off-premises retailer located within the same malt liquor wholesaler's sales territory.

LD 874 An Act To Conform the Clean Election Financing Laws to the Judicially Determined Procedures

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ACKLEY K	ONTP	

This bill codifies the decision of the Superior Court in *Maine Citizens for Clean Elections v. LePage*, No. CV-18-112, 2018 (Me. Super. Ct., Ken. Cty., August 2, 2018). The bill authorizes the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to expend existing revenues from the Maine Clean Election Fund in excess of the current year allocations without first obtaining a financial order approved by the Governor, solely for the purpose of making distributions required by the Maine Clean Election Act to certified candidates.