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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

- 3. It clarifies that a previous violation of either the laws or the rules governing liquor disqualifies an applicant from receiving an agency liquor store license if the violation has been adjudicated by the District Court.
- 4. It clarifies that an on-premises retail licensee must purchase spirits from an agency liquor store that is licensed as a reselling agent.
- 5. It authorizes the bureau or a manufacturer or supplier of spirits to offer instant redeemable coupons to customers through a publicly accessible website, digital media platform or print media. It removes the authority of reselling agents to offer instant redeemable coupons for the benefit of on-premises licensees.
- 6. It authorizes spirits manufacturers and suppliers to donate spirits to on-premises events in a similar manner as certificate of approval holders and wholesalers and expands the list of entities that may benefit from a donation of liquor to be auctioned or offered as a prize for fund-raising purposes or sold by a licensed on-premises retailer during a fund-raising event to include a county, city, town or municipal agency or department.
- 7. It allows a licensed on-premises retailer to deliver a serving or drinks containing up to four-and-one-half ounces of spirits to a person at one time.
- 8. It increases the number of allowable signs advertising the sale of liquor used by retail licensees from two to five and requires that agency liquor store licensees designate two of the five signs to advertise that the retail location is an agency liquor store. It clarifies that neither a sign in which the only reference to liquor is the name of the licensed premises or an image accompanying the name of the licensed premises nor a patio umbrella that bears the brand name or image of a liquor product and that is located in the outside seating area of a licensed premises count as one of the five allowable signs.
- 9. It authorizes a spirits supplier, foreign manufacturer of spirits or a spirits broker to conduct up to 10 spirits taste-testing events per year.
- 10. It repeals the requirements that sales representatives purchase from the State's wholesale liquor provider and pay taxes on spirits samples that the sales representative will provide to retail licensees and instead requires the sales representative obtain spirits that will be provided to retail licensees as samples from the bailment inventory of a supplier housed at the warehouse managed by the State's wholesale liquor provider.
- 11. It clarifies that revenue from the state tax on spirits must be transferred to the Liquor Operation Revenue Fund established in Title 30-A, section 6054 and to the General Fund.

LD 1837

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 1: Adult Use Marijuana, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Marijuana Policy

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This resolve provides for legislative review of Chapter 1: Adult Use Marijuana, a major substantive rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, office of marijuana policy that was filed outside the legislative rule acceptance period.

The substance of this resolve was incorporated in Public Law 2019, chapter 491 (LD 719).

This resolve was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.