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129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL AND SECOND REGULAR SESSIONS



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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

4. It requires the transition committee to disclose in each financial disclosure statement any debt or loan that remains unpaid at the end of the time period for the statement and to disclose any debt or loan that was forgiven by the creditor or lender as a donation.
5. It requires the transition committee either to spend all donations received by the committee on expenses related to the transition or inauguration or to dispose of surplus funds by returning those funds to donors, donating them to a charitable organization or remitting them to the State Treasurer. It also eliminates the requirement that all funds be expended or disposed of by February 15th and allows disposal of funds to continue after that date.
6. It directs the commission to consider, in assessing a civil penalty for violation of this law by any person, whether the person made a bona fide effort to follow the law, the violation was caused by the error of another person outside of the person's control or the person attempted to conceal or misrepresent its financial activities.

LD 1884 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Dual Liquor Licenses

**PUBLIC 559
EMERGENCY**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| CROCKETTE SANBORNH | OTP-AM | H-664 |

This bill amends the laws governing dual liquor licenses, which authorize licensees to sell wine for both on-premises and off-premises consumption. It allows a licensee to serve wine for on-premises consumption until 10:00 p.m., rather than until 8:00 p.m. It also relaxes the restriction that wine may be served for on-premises consumption only when accompanied by a full meal and instead requires only that a full meal be available for purchase and consumption at the time of service. It removes the requirement that a licensee have two employees at least 21 years of age present at all times when wine is being consumed on the premises.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-664)

This amendment, which is the unanimous report of the committee, removes the restrictions specific to dual liquor licensees regarding the times of day when wine may be sold for on-premises consumption. As a result, these licensees will be subject to the general law that authorizes the sale of all types of liquor, including wine, from 5:00 a.m. on one day until 1:00 a.m. the following day. The amendment requires a licensee to have at least one employee who is at least 21 years of age present at all times when wine is being consumed on the premises. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 559 amends the laws governing dual liquor licenses, which authorize licensees to sell wine for both on-premises and off-premises consumption. It removes the restrictions specific to dual liquor licensees regarding the times of day when wine may be sold for on-premises consumption. As a result, these licensees will be subject to the general law that authorizes the sale of all types of liquor, including wine, from 5:00 a.m. on one day until 1:00 a.m. the following day. It also relaxes the restriction that wine may be served for on-premises consumption only when accompanied by a full meal and instead requires only that a full meal be available for purchase and consumption at the time of service. Finally, it removes the requirement that a licensee have two employees at least 21 years of age present at all times when wine is being consumed on the premises and instead requires only that one employee who is at least 21 years of age be present in those circumstances.

Public Law 2019, chapter 559 was enacted as an emergency measure effective February 18, 2020.