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### STATE OF MAINE

 $129^{\text{th}}$  Legislature First Special and Second Regular Sessions



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

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129<sup>th</sup> Legislature 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 129<sup>th</sup> 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.

CON RES XXX	CARRIED OVER
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	CON RES XXX
DIED IN CONCURRENCE	CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE
DIED IN CONCURRENCE	DIED BETWEEN HOUSES
EMERGENCY	DIED IN CONCURRENCE defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE	DIED ON ADJOURNMENT action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE	EMERGENCYenacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT	FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGEemergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR	FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE failed to receive final majority vote
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW	FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENTlegislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODYruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died INDEF PPindefinitely postponed; legislation died ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died P&S XXX	HELD BY GOVERNOR Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
INDEF PP	LEAVE TO WITHDRAWsponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died P&S XXX	
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died P&S XXX	INDEF PP indefinitely postponed; legislation died
PUBLIC XXX	
PUBLIC XXX	P&S XXXchapter # of enacted private & special law
RESOLVE XXX	PUBLIC XXX chapter # of enacted public law
VETO SUSTAINEDLegislature failed to override Governor's veto	
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The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 129<sup>th</sup> 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

#### Committee Amendment "A" (S-380)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

#### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 578 allows the assignment of state vehicles to field personnel directly concerned with the maintenance and operation of Maine National Guard facilities who are frequently called for emergency duty outside of regular hours. It also allows Military Bureau employees designated by the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to use state vehicles to commute between home and work.

# LD 2002 An Act To Improve Compliance with Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Marijuana Policy Registration and Licensure Requirements

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
BAILEYD		

This bill, submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, does the following.

Part A authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to collect and use the social security numbers of applicants to ensure that only one registry identification card is issued to each participant under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act.

Part B authorizes the office of marijuana policy within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to collect and use the social security numbers of applicants to ensure that only one individual identification card is issued to each individual identification card holder under the Marijuana Legalization Act.

This bill, which had been voted but not yet reported out of committee, was carried over in committee to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

### LD 2062

### An Act To Amend the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board Laws Regarding Registered Equipment

**PUBLIC 614** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
CYRWAYS	OTP-AM	S-390

This bill allows for the registration of slot machines and associated equipment by certain licensed entities other than slot machine distributors.

### Committee Amendment "A" (S-390)

This amendment, which is the unanimous report of the committee, clarifies that the only licensed entities that may register a slot machine or slot machine associated equipment are licensed slot machine distributors and licensed gambling services vendors.

The amendment also changes the definition of "associated equipment" to clarify that only mechanical, electromechanical or electronic components or machines that are used in or intended for use in a slot machine or table game and that affect the outcome of the game, are involved in the handling of money, tokens, credits or similar objects or things of value, or are involved in the calculation of or distribution of payoffs must be registered.

### Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 614 allows for the registration of slot machines and associated equipment by licensed gambling services vendors in addition to licensed slot machine distributors, as in current law. It also changes the definition of "associated equipment" to clarify that only mechanical, electromechanical or electronic components or machines that are used in or intended for use in a slot machine or table game and that affect the outcome of the game, are involved in the handling of money, tokens, credits or similar objects or things of value, or are involved in the calculation of or distribution of payoffs must be registered.

## LD 2067 An Act To Authorize the Automatic Continuation of Absentee Voter Status until the Termination of That Status

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
SANBORN L		
FECTEAUR		

This bill, which has an effective date of January 1, 2022, provides a process for a voter to request ongoing absentee voter status, which allows the voter to automatically receive an absentee ballot for each statewide election, municipal election and any other election until the status is terminated. It provides that if the clerk notes a discrepancy in signature on the return envelope of an absentee ballot, the return envelope is missing a signature or the affidavit on the return envelope is not properly completed, the clerk shall make a good faith effort to notify the voter within 24 hours by mail, telephone or e-mail of the procedure by which the voter may cure the discrepancy, correct the missing signature or properly complete the affidavit on the return envelope. Compare LD 753 from the First Regular Session.

This bill, which had been voted but not yet reported out of committee, was carried over in committee to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

## LD 2088 An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing Financial Relationships between Entities within the Three-tier System for Distribution of Alcohol

**PUBLIC 665** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
	OTP-AM	S-426

This committee bill was reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs pursuant to Resolve 2019, chapter 15. It consolidates in one statutory section the separate laws prohibiting financial relationships between entities within the three-tier system of alcohol distribution in Maine. The bill clarifies that, with only a few minor exceptions, an entity in the manufacturer tier, wholesaler tier or retailer tier may not have a financial interest, direct or indirect, in an entity in a different tier of the three-tier system. Unlike current law, the bill clarifies that these so-called three-tier prohibitions apply to entities that sell spirits. The bill also preserves the prohibition in current law against an in-state wholesaler of malt liquor and wine, referred to in current law as a "wholesale licensee," having any financial interest, direct or indirect, in an out-of-state wholesaler of malt liquor or wine whose products are imported into the State.

### Committee Amendment "A" (S-426)

The bill generally prohibits an entity within one tier of the three-tier system of alcohol distribution in Maine from having a financial interest in an entity within another tier of the three-tier system in Maine and extends the financial interest prohibitions of the three-tier system, which apply under current law to entities that manufacture, import or sell malt liquor and wine within the State, to entities that manufacture, import or sell spirits within the State. Under the bill, in-state and out-of-state manufacturers comprise the first tier of alcohol distribution, in-state and out-of-state wholesalers comprise the second tier of alcohol distribution and in-state retailers comprise the third tier