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Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

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**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILLS AND
SUMMARIES OF ENACTED LAWS**

This *Legislative Digest of Bills and Summaries of Enacted Laws* provides the disposition of all LDs and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Maine Legislature. Please note that all LDs and proposed amendments may be found through the Legislature’s webpage, and each includes a summary of what the bill or amendment proposed.

The *Legislative Digest of Bills and Summaries of Enacted Laws* is arranged alphabetically by committee. Within each committee section is a subject index of all LDs considered by that committee as well as a digest of the LDs, arranged by LD number. Also included are enacted law summaries of the LDs enacted or finally passed. Brief analyst notes on certain LDs are also included: a committee digest will indicate if additional notes are provided for an LD. These notes add information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this *Digest*; please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance. A separate section of the *Digest* provides a digest of the relatively few LDs that were not referred to a committee or reported from a committee as a committee bill; enacted law summaries of the LDs enacted or finally passed are provided. Finally, an appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

The final disposition of each LD is noted in the relevant summary digest and index. 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 and First Special Sessions of the 131st Legislature is Thursday, June 29, 2023 and Wednesday, October 25, 2023, respectively. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

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statute that outline the types of eligible premises for each license type to correspond to those license types available to similar recreational facilities.

3. It eliminates the sale of food requirement for bowling centers, curling centers, disc golf courses, golf courses, indoor ice skating centers, indoor racquet centers, Class A lounges and taverns.
4. It changes the gross annual income requirements from the sale of food for Class A restaurants, Class A restaurant/lounges and year-round and part-time qualified catering services from an amount based on a municipality's population to 10% of the licensee's gross annual income.
5. It aligns the sale of food requirement for auxiliary licenses with those of the primary licensed premises.

Public Law 2023, chapter 44 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 1, 2023.

LD 147 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Certain Raffles Conducted by Eligible Organizations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 86 makes the following changes to the laws governing certain raffles conducted by eligible organizations.

1. It increases the amount of the prize value for a 50/50 raffle held during a game of chance tournament from \$1,000 to \$2000.
2. It increases the amount of a noncash prize that can be offered by an eligible organization in a raffle from \$75,000 to \$150,000 and requires the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit to adjust every two years the noncash prize dollar value based on the Consumer Price Index as reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and rounded to the nearest amount divisible by \$100.
3. Current law caps a cash prize offered by an eligible organization in a raffle at \$20,000 with no more than one \$10,000 cash prize per holder of a winning chance. Public Law 2023, chapter 86 keeps the cap per holder of a winning chance at \$10,000 but allows for an unlimited number of cash prizes to be awarded.
4. It allows an eligible organization to conduct more than one raffle at a time.
5. It designates lottery tickets as noncash prizes and determines that the total value of the lottery ticket as a noncash prize is based on the purchase price of the lottery ticket and not the potential or actual value of the lottery ticket winnings.

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6. It removes the requirement that the records kept by eligible organizations conducting raffles include an exact account of all gross revenue from the games, an itemization of all allowable expenses, including, but not limited to, the cost of prizes, printing, licenses and administration, and the disposition of all proceeds, including, but not limited to, all gifts, grants and payments to any person, firm, corporation, association or organization for any purpose whatsoever.

LD 201 An Act to Make Permanent the Ability of Certain Retailers and Distilleries to Sell Liquor for Off-premises Consumption and Cocktails for On-premises Consumption

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 34 makes permanent the changes to the liquor laws allowing qualified on-premises retailers and qualified distilleries to sell liquor for off-premises consumption under certain conditions and the sale of cocktails for on-premises consumption at distilleries and small distilleries. It also removes the requirement that wine and malt liquor sold for off-premises consumption be sold only in an original container and instead allows wine to be sold for off-premises consumption in an approved container, in an original container or as an ingredient in an approved cocktail and allows malt liquor to be sold for off-premises consumption in an approved container or in an original container. It makes a technical correction to the cross-reference for the definition of “full meal” in the definition of “food order” as well.

Public Law 2023, chapter 34 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 24, 2023.

LD 202 An Act to Clarify the Requirements for Adult Use Cannabis Stores to Transact Sales at Specified Events

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 408 makes the following changes to current provisions in Title 28-B, chapter 1 that allow a cannabis store to sell, on a temporary basis, adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products at the location of a specified event.

1. It creates new definitions for the terms "permitted premises for a specified event," "specified event" and "specified event permit."
2. It amends the application requirements for the issuance of a permit for cannabis stores to conduct sales at a specified event.
3. It changes the requirements for cannabis stores to account for authorized sales at a specified event.
4. It changes the limitations and conditions for cannabis stores to conduct sales at a specified event.