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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 Second Regular Session 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 Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature is Friday, August 9, 2024. 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

Public Law 2023, chapter 632 directs the bureau to adopt routine technical rules regarding the process for developing recommendations to be submitted to the commission regarding the establishment of the retail prices of spirits sold in the State. The rules must include, at a minimum, rules regarding the data and criteria used in developing the recommendations and a process for the bureau to receive public input regarding the recommendation. In adopting the rules, the bureau must hold a public hearing.

It also directs the State Liquor and Lottery Commission, on or before September 1, 2024, to initiate rulemaking required in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-A, section 81, subsection 5 establishing procedures for the conduct of adjudicatory hearings.

### **LD 2069 An Act to Amend the Ownership Disclosure Requirements for Applicants for Liquor Licenses and Certificates of Approval**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 633 makes the following changes to the laws related to the ownership disclosure requirements for applicants for liquor licenses and certificates of approval.

1. It only requires disclosure of ownership interest of 10% or greater in the person for which a license or certificate of approval is sought.
2. It requires a business entity that has an ownership interest of 10% or greater in a person for which a license or certificate of approval is sought to disclose any person that holds an ownership interest in that business entity that holds an ownership interest equal to or greater than 10% in the person for which a license or certificate of approval is sought.
3. It allows business entities with an ownership interest of 10% or greater in the person for which a license or certificate of approval is sought to attest via affidavit that no person that holds an ownership interest in that business entity holds an ownership interest equal to or greater than 10% in the person for which a license or certificate of approval is sought.
4. It also requires the applicant for a license or certificate of approval to disclose any person that holds an indirect financial interest in the person for which a license or certificate of approval is sought and provides a definition of “indirect financial interest.”

Public Law 2023, chapter 633 also permits the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to adopt routine technical rules if needed to administer the application procedure for a license or certificate of approval.