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**LD 120      An Act To End Taxpayer-funded Campaigns for Gubernatorial Candidates      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLARK T	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature and eliminates Maine Clean Election Act funding for gubernatorial candidates.

**LD 199      Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Study Voter Participation and Registration and the Conduct of Elections in the State      RESOLVE 133**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CEBRA SNOWE-MELLO	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-733

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature and requires that a voter provide proof of identity with photograph identification approved by the Secretary of State by rule for the purpose of voting.

**Committee Amendment "B" (H-733)**

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that directs the Secretary of State to conduct a study of voter participation, the system governing voter registration and the conduct of elections and report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over elections matters by February 1, 2013.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2011, chapter 133, directs the Secretary of State to conduct a study of voter participation, the system governing voter registration and the conduct of elections and to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over elections matters by February 1, 2013.

**LD 227      An Act Relating to the Establishment of Casinos      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VALENTINO	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature and authorizes the establishment of three casinos in the State subject to a competitive bidding process. A successful bidder would win the right to enter into a contract with the State to operate a casino for up to 20 years. A successful bidder is subject to a privilege fee of \$5,000,000 to operate a casino. An existing slot machine operator would also be authorized to enter into a contract with the State to operate a casino at the existing slot machine facility without being subject to the competitive bidding process. The privilege fee for a casino that was an existing slot machine facility is \$3,000,000. As determined by a contract with the State, the state share of net gaming revenue from the casinos would be divided

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equally among three funds that reimburse municipalities for education, veterans property tax exemptions and homestead property tax exemptions.

**LD 643      An Act To Protect Public Safety in the Operation of Casinos**

**PUBLIC 469  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAREY	OTP-AM	H-547 S-368 ROSEN R

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. It was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. It proposes to amend the laws governing the oversight of the casino eligible to be licensed in Oxford County that are determined to be incomplete or inconsistent with existing laws and rules in other states that authorize the operation of casino gambling.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-547)**

This amendment replaces the bill, which was a concept draft. The amendment includes an emergency preamble and clause. The amendment requires the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board to adopt emergency major substantive rules governing the oversight of the operation of table games at a casino. The rules must ensure that bets on table games are not made with cash and that the exchange of cash for chips, tokens or other items of value is done in a manner that can provide a thorough audit. The amendment requires the board to report on the process for developing rules that govern the rules of play for table games. The amendment changes current law to provide that license and application fees collected by the board go to a dedicated account for the administration of the board rather than to the General Fund.

**Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-368)**

Committee Amendment "A" requires fees collected from slot machine operators and casinos to be deposited in the Administrative Expenses Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board instead of in the General Fund. This amendment exempts the fees associated with a casino located in Oxford County and a slot machine facility licensed as such as of January 1, 2011, from that requirement for fiscal years 2011-12 and 2012-13 only and requires those fees from that casino and that slot machine facility to be deposited in the General Fund.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, Chapter 469 requires the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board to adopt emergency major substantive rules governing the oversight of the operation of table games at a casino. The rules must ensure that bets on table games are not made with cash and that the exchange of cash for chips, tokens or other items of value is done in a manner that can provide for a thorough audit. This law requires the board to report on the process for developing rules that govern the rules of play for table games. It also changes current law to provide that future license and application fees collected by the board go to a dedicated account for the administration of the board rather than to the General Fund, except for fiscal years 2011-12 and 2012-13, when those fees will be deposited into the General Fund.

LD 643 was enacted in the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature but was held by the Governor. It became law in the Second Regular Session as an emergency measure effective January 9, 2012.

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**LD 896      An Act To Adopt the Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FARNHAM KATZ	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208 and was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. This bill proposes the adoption in this State of the Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act approved and recommended by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and the incorporation of the provisions of the uniform act into the State's election laws.

**LD 905      An Act Regarding the Distribution and Sale of Spirits**

**PUBLIC 693**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FITTS	OTP-AM	H-915 S-597 ROSEN R

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208 and was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. This bill proposes to adopt certain of the recommendations contained in the report entitled "State of Maine Liquor Business Analysis and Valuation - Final Report," prepared by DeLoitte & Touche for the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations and dated March 11, 2009.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-915)**

This amendment replaces the bill, which was a concept draft. The amendment authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to adopt rules to create a program of sales incentives for agency liquor stores and rules to help facilitate the sale of slow-moving spirits products at agency liquor stores. The amendment also allows the Department of Public Safety's division of liquor licensing and enforcement to seek suspension or revocation of an on-premises license if the licensee violates the law that requires that all spirits be purchased from an agency liquor store or if the licensee reuses or refills liquor bottles in violation of state rules or federal regulations.

This amendment also requires the Department of Public Safety to contract for an auditor for the purpose of enforcing the law requiring on-premises licensees to purchase spirits from licensed reselling agents in the State. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-597)**

This amendment strikes and replaces the appropriations and allocations section and a related unallocated section with a new appropriations and allocations section.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 693 authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to adopt rules to create a program of sales incentives for agency liquor

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stores and rules to help facilitate the sale of slow-moving spirits products at agency liquor stores. The law also allows the Department of Public Safety's division of liquor licensing and enforcement to seek suspension or revocation of an on-premises license if the licensee violates the law that requires that all spirits be purchased from an agency liquor store or if the licensee reuses or refills liquor bottles in violation of state rules or federal regulations. Chapter 693 also requires the Department of Public Safety to contract for an auditor for the purpose of enforcing the law requiring on-premises licensees to purchase spirits from licensed reselling agents in the State.

**LD 1150     An Act To Improve the Administration of the Legislative Ethics Laws**

**PUBLIC 471**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FARNHAM	OTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. It allows the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to investigate a possible violation of legislative ethics upon its own motion. The bill requires the commission to allow a Legislator the opportunity to answer a complaint in writing and in person before the commission decides to conduct an investigation. The bill allows the commission to commence an investigation on information it receives other than through a complaint filed against a Legislator. The bill fixes cross-references.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 471 allows the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to investigate a possible violation of legislative ethics upon its own motion. The law requires the commission to allow a Legislator the opportunity to answer a complaint in writing and in person before the commission decides to conduct an investigation. Chapter 471 allows the commission to commence an investigation on information it receives other than through a complaint filed against a Legislator.

**LD 1262     An Act To Increase Penalties for Certain Violations of the Campaign Reports and Financing Laws**

**MAJORITY  
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLISS	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. It sets the basic penalties for filing a late report by a party committee and a political action committee to 5% of the committee's total contributions or expenditures for the relevant filing period multiplied by the number of calendar days late for a first violation, 10% for a second violation and 15% for a third and subsequent violation. The bill also changes the law setting out the maximum penalties to provide for a \$100,000 penalty for late reports required under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 1019-B, subsection 3 and Title 21-A, sections 1056-B and 1059; a \$100,000 penalty for late state party committee reports required under section 1017-A, subsection 4-A, paragraphs A, B, C and E; a \$5,000 penalty for reports required under Title 21-A, section 1017, subsection 2, paragraph A; and a \$1,000 penalty for late reports by municipal, district and county committees required under Title 21-A, section 1017-A, subsection 4-B. The bill eliminates the cap on the penalty for reports required under Title 21-A, section 1017, subsection 3-A, paragraph A. The bill also allows the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to assess a fine up to \$100,000 for a violation of the reporting requirements of Title 21-A, sections 1017 and 1019-B if it determines that the failure

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to file a timely and accurate report resulted in the late payment of matching funds. The bill also corrects a cross-reference.

**LD 1469     An Act To Increase Gaming Opportunities for Charitable Fraternal and Veterans' Organizations**

**VETO  
SUSTAINED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FITTS	OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	H-887

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. It allows operation of video gaming terminals by nonprofit organizations that are eligible for games of chance licenses and that are exempt from federal tax under the United States Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(8), 501(c)(10) or 501(c)(19). These sections of the federal tax code refer to charitable organizations, civic leagues, fraternal benefit societies, domestic fraternal societies and associations and veterans' organizations. Organizations that currently have licenses for electronic video machines but do not qualify under one of those code sections may apply for an initial license while they seek the required federal tax status. The organization applying for the license must own or lease the premises on which the terminals will be placed and must use the premises for its charitable or nonprofit purpose. Video gaming terminal manufacturers, wholesalers and operators must be licensed by the Chief of the State Police, following background investigations of the applicants and their major business partners. Local approval is required for a license to operate video gaming terminals. The license specifies the number of terminals allowed on the premises; the maximum number of terminals allowed is five per premises of a licensee. Terminals must be licensed by the Chief of the State Police and must be connected to a computer system operated by the Director of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services. By the end of a five-year phase-in period, this computer system must provide continuous online monitoring of video gaming terminal activity. Persons under 21 years of age are not allowed to use the machines. Only members of the organization and their guests are allowed to play. The maximum dollar amount for each play is \$5 and the maximum payout is \$1,250. Each game on each machine must return at least 80% of wagers to players, calculated on an annual basis. Net terminal income, which is income after payback to players, is divided as follows: 8% to the State for payment into the Video Gaming Fund, which is established in the bill, for administrative expenses, gambling rehabilitation, municipal revenue sharing and public education; 2% to the Compulsive Gambler Rehabilitation Fund, which is established in the bill; 15% to the General Fund; 10% to the host municipality; and 65% to the licensee. Licenses are issued for one year. Applicants for an initial license must pay the actual costs of processing the application and performing the background investigation.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-887)**

This amendment replaces the bill and is the majority report of the committee. This amendment permits the Gambling Control Board, after October 1, 2013, to issue a license to a charitable nonprofit organization that is a fraternal organization or a veterans' organization that is tax-exempt under the federal Internal Revenue Code to operate up to 5 slot machines at a facility that is owned or leased by the organization and serves as its primary headquarters for fulfilling its charitable mission. The organization must be able to demonstrate that it has a cash reserve of \$2,000 for each machine the organization intends to operate. An organization that wishes to apply prior to October 1, 2013, may file a declaration of intent to apply with the Gambling Control Board. An application must include a refundable \$5,000 deposit. The initial application fee for a slot machine operator license under this amendment is \$1,000, and the annual renewal fee is \$350. A slot machine operated by a charitable nonprofit organization is subject to the same central site monitoring that applies to casinos and slot machine facilities at harness racing tracks. The total number of slot machines available to be operated by nonprofit organizations statewide is 250, with only 100 available for licensure the first year. Ten percent of the net slot machine income is required to be deposited directly with the Gambling Control Board for administrative expenses and 8% goes directly

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to the General Fund. Another 10% goes to the host municipality and 2% is dedicated to gambling addiction prevention and treatment. The board may require a charitable nonprofit organization that is licensed to operate slot machines to establish a separate account, from which the board may withdraw funds, to distribute the net revenue percentages. The remaining revenue generated from the slot machines must be used to support the charitable purposes of the fraternal organization or veterans' service organization.

**LD 1523 An Act To Improve the Maine Clean Election Act**

**ACCEPTED  
ONTP REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PATRICK	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. It amends the Maine Clean Election Act by replacing the seed money provisions with provisions for allowable contributions, which are contributions of no more than \$100 from an individual. The bill allows participating and certified candidates to raise allowable contributions, sets limits and other requirements on allowable contributions and provides for matching funds for allowable contributions in the amount of \$3 for every \$1 of allowable contributions.

**LD 1539 An Act To Improve Laws on Gaming**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RAYE	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208 and was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. This bill proposes to enact measures designed to improve the laws governing gaming.

**LD 1612 An Act Relating to the Liquor Laws Governing Off-premises Catering at Planned Public Events or Gatherings**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HARMON THIBODEAU	ONTP	

This bill permits a licensee holding an off-premises catering license to conduct taste testing of beer and wine at a public event or gathering sponsored by a charitable, nonprofit organization or civic group. Volunteers for the sponsoring organization are permitted to pour samples for taste testing and event tickets are permitted to be sold in advance and at the door.

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**LD 1618 An Act To Amend the Campaign Finance Laws Regarding Reporting Refunds of Campaign Expenditures**

**PUBLIC 522**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FARNHAM	OTP-AM	S-405

Under current law, all Maine Clean Election Act candidates are required to deposit seed money and Maine Clean Election Act funds in a campaign account with a bank or other financial institution. The candidates are not allowed to commingle these campaign funds with any personal funds. This bill, beginning January 1, 2013, requires a candidate seeking Maine Clean Election Act funds to file with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices a written authorization allowing the financial institution to release to the commission account statements and other financial records held by the financial institution. If a candidate does not provide the records of the campaign account within 30 days after receiving the request from the commission during an audit or an investigation of potential noncompliance by the candidate, the commission's executive director or auditor may obtain the records directly from the financial institution.

This bill also requires candidates to disclose in their campaign finance reports any refund of campaign funds received from vendors and requires Maine Clean Election Act candidates to return all refunds received after the filing of the candidate's final report to the commission within 14 days of receiving the refund.

Finally, this bill requires a vendor that is paid more than \$500 in Maine Clean Election Act funds, and that uses those funds to make purchases on behalf of the candidate relating to campaign advertising, to provide the candidate with an accounting of all purchases. The vendor is also required to keep and to provide to the candidate records of the payments made on behalf of the candidate.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-405)**

This amendment changes the title of the bill and clarifies language regarding reporting refunds of campaign expenditures. The amendment also strikes the section of the bill that requires vendors who are paid using Maine Clean Election Act funds to provide the candidate with an accounting of all payments to subvendors related to campaign advertising.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Under current law, all Maine Clean Election Act candidates are required to deposit seed money and Maine Clean Election Act funds in a campaign account with a bank or other financial institution. The candidates are not allowed to commingle these campaign funds with any personal funds. Beginning January 1, 2013, Public Law 2011, chapter 522 requires a candidate seeking Maine Clean Election Act funds to file with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, a written authorization allowing the financial institution to release to the commission account statements and other financial records held by the financial institution. If a candidate does not provide the records of the campaign account within 30 days after receiving the request from the commission during an audit or an investigation of potential noncompliance by the candidate, the commissioner's executive director or auditor may obtain the records directly from the financial institution. Chapter 522 also requires candidates to disclose, in their campaign finance reports, any refund of campaign funds received from vendors and requires Maine Clean Election Act candidates to return all refunds received after the filing of the candidate's final report to the commission within 14 days of receiving the refund.

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**LD 1630      Resolve, To Establish a Stakeholder Group for the Development of a Plan for the Inventory and Proper Care of Veterans' Graves**

**RESOLVE 126**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RAYE	OTP-AM	S-403

This resolve directs the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services to establish a stakeholder group for the development of a plan for the inventory and proper care of veterans' graves in the State and to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans matters.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-403)**

This amendment requires the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services to invite participation from genealogy groups and the Maine Cemetery Association in the stakeholder group to develop a plan for the inventory and proper care of veterans' graves. The amendment specifies that the stakeholder group is not required to consider private cemeteries in its plan unless the cemeteries are considered ancient burying grounds. Finally, the amendment requires the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services to report the stakeholder group's findings and recommendations and any suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters in addition to the Joint Standing Committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans matters as specified in the Resolve.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2011, chapter 126 directs the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services to establish a stakeholder group for the development of a plan for the inventory and proper care of veterans' graves in the State and to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters.

**LD 1643      An Act To Enhance a Community's Ability To Establish or Update Its Veterans Honor Roll**

**PUBLIC 481**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JOHNSON P	OTP-AM	H-697

This bill allows the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services to release information about veterans to municipalities for the purpose of establishing or updating a veterans honor roll.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-697)**

This amendment specifies that information released by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services to municipal officials for the purposes of updating a veterans honor roll must be requested in a manner determined by the bureau.

**Enacted Law Summary**



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restrictions on issuing an absentee ballot. The bill adds to the circumstances in which a duplicate absentee ballot may be issued to a voter the situation in which there is a defect on the voter's affidavit on the absentee ballot envelope that would cause the ballot to be rejected. The bill also clarifies the types of facilities where the municipal clerk is required to go to conduct absentee voting during the 30 days prior to an election. The bill also provides that the deadlines for voter registration and requesting an absentee ballot do not apply to uniformed service voters and overseas voters.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-402)**

This amendment strikes the provision of the bill that applies to a township voter who uses the special provision in election law that permits the voter to vote in a nearby municipality when a voting place has not been established in the voter's township. The bill provides that if the township voter fails to register prior to 60 days before an election and the town does not have sufficient ballots for that township voter, the voter must vote a ballot from the municipality that has been amended to include only those questions and offices for which the township voter is eligible to vote. This amendment allows for more flexibility to provide correct ballots to a township voter who registers after 60 days prior to an election and provides that the voter will only have to vote using an amended ballot when there is not enough time to furnish the election clerk with sufficient township ballots.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 534 moves the retention of absentee ballot materials into its own provision of law and increases the retention period for incoming voting lists from 2 years to 5 years following an election. It creates a separate section of law in which the deadline for registration is provided. The law changes the date by which a municipality must publish the schedule before an election. This law allows for more flexibility to provide correct ballots to a township voter who registers after 60 days prior to an election and provides that the voter will only have to vote using an amended ballot when there is not enough time to furnish the election clerk with sufficient township ballots. Chapter 534 also adds year of birth to the voter registration data that may be obtained for authorized use by a governmental or quasi-governmental agency. It corrects an error in the law regarding the nomination of nonparty candidates from a reference to the primary election to a reference to the general election. This law also requires the Secretary of State to provide written instructions to municipalities to be used to direct absentee voters to the publicly accessible website where the Treasurer's Statement for a statewide bond issue may be viewed. Chapter 534 removes from the allowable reasons for challenging a person's right to vote that the person is not a registered voter. It adds to the circumstances under which the Secretary of State may authorize a municipal clerk to open the state tamper-proof ballot containers after the election. This law clarifies the restrictions on issuing an absentee ballot and adds to the circumstances in which a duplicate absentee ballot may be issued to a voter, the situation when there is a defect on the voter's affidavit on the absentee ballot envelope that would cause the ballot to be rejected. It also clarifies the types of facilities where the municipal clerk is required to go to conduct absentee voting during the 30 days prior to an election. Finally, chapter 534 provides that the deadlines for voter registration and requesting an absentee ballot do not apply to uniformed service voters and overseas voters.

**LD 1719 An Act To Update the Powers and Duties of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services**

**PUBLIC 539**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FARNHAM	OTP-AM	S-430

This bill allows the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to enter into an agreement with a health care provider to exchange information about a patient of the health care provider and provide assistance in obtaining benefits accruing to that patient as a result of federal or state military service. This bill also specifies that interment of a veteran or a dependent of a veteran in the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System is permanent but gives the director the discretion to allow disinterment

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as long as there is no cost to the State.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-430)**

This amendment strikes a provision in the bill that authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to enter into an agreement with a health care provider to assist the director in obtaining benefits for veterans. The amendment directs the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services and the Office for Family Independence within the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans matters and the Joint Standing Committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on their ongoing efforts to identify veterans who have received or are receiving Medicaid benefits in order to determine if a veteran is eligible for federally funded benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The Joint Standing Committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans matters may report out a bill to the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 539 specifies that interment of a veteran or a dependent of a veteran in the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System is permanent but gives the director the discretion to allow disinterment as long as there is no cost to the State. The law also directs the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services and the Office for Family Independence within the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans matters and the Joint Standing Committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on their ongoing efforts to identify veterans who have received or are receiving Medicaid benefits in order to determine if a veteran is eligible for federally funded benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Under this law, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans matters is authorized to report out a bill to the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

**LD 1771 An Act To Amend Maine's Gambling Laws**

**PUBLIC 585**

Sponsor(s)

FARNHAM

Committee Report

OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted

S-491

This bill makes the following changes to the laws governing gambling.

1. It permits licensed slot machine distributors to also distribute table games.
2. It creates the Class C criminal offense of theft at or from a casino or slot machine facility.
3. It clarifies that accredited postsecondary institutions may possess and operate slot machines and table games for training and educational purposes.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-491)**

This amendment specifies that a training program for the operation of slot machines and table games at an accredited postsecondary institution is subject to criteria established by the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board and that wagers used as part of the training program are for demonstration purposes only. The amendment clarifies a provision in the bill that permits a licensed slot machine distributor to also be licensed as a table game distributor by addressing a conflict in current law and by adding that a licensed table game distributor may also be licensed as a slot machine distributor. To hold both a slot machine distributor license and a table game distributor license, a person is required to apply for and pay the license fee for each license as is required by current law. The

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amendment provides that table games and slot machines used for training programs are not subject to registration fees. The amendment strikes the provision of the bill that adds theft at or from a casino or slot machine facility to the list of violations of the laws governing the operation of slot machines and table games that are Class C crimes. The amendment establishes a new category of theft in the Maine Criminal Code, theft at a casino or slot machine facility. This provision in the amendment coincides with existing rules that allow for a slot machine facility operator or casino operator to exclude a person from the facility who commits theft at a casino or slot machine facility.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 585 allows for the use of slot machines and table games at accredited postsecondary institutions when part of a training program approved by the Gambling Control Board. Machines used for this purpose are registered with the board but not subject to the \$100 registration fee required of slot machines and table games operated at a casino. It provides that a slot machine distributor may also be licensed as a table game distributor subject to the existing fees and licensing requirements in current law. Current Gambling Control Board rules allow for certain people to be excluded from a casino or slot machine facility if they have committed certain violations or crimes. Chapter 585 creates a specific category for theft by unauthorized taking or transfer when it occurs at a casino or slot machine facility. This category of theft is included among the crimes for which the Gambling Control Board can exclude persons from a casino or slot machine facility in accordance with its rules.

**LD 1774      An Act Regarding the Matching Funds Provisions of the Maine Clean Election Act      PUBLIC 558**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	H-780 BEAULIEU

This bill is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs pursuant to Resolve 2011, chapter 103, section 2. It strikes provisions governing and references to matching funds within the Maine Clean Election Act in response to the 2011 ruling of the United States Supreme Court in *Arizona Free Enterprise Club's Freedom Club PAC v. Bennett*, 131 S. Ct. 2806 (2011). The bill also repeals candidate and independent expenditure reporting requirements directly related to the matching funds provisions. The bill includes an appropriations and allocations section.

**House Amendment "C" (H-780)**

This amendment strikes and replaces the appropriations and allocations section in the bill and also removes the emergency preamble and the emergency clause from the bill.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 558 strikes provisions of the Maine Clean Election Act that established or referred to the part of the program that provide matching funds for candidates participating in the campaign financing program.

**LD 1806      An Act To Promote Transparency in Government      PUBLIC 634**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RAYE	OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	H-935 CROCKETT  S-523

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This bill makes the following changes to the laws governing financial disclosure by Legislators and certain executive employees.

1. It changes the definition of "associated organization" in the laws governing financial disclosure by Legislators to provide that an organization with which a member of a Legislator's immediate family, rather than only the Legislator's spouse as in current law, holds a certain position is an associated organization and to add managerial employees to the list of the positions in an organization covered in the definition.
2. It requires a Legislator who has completed service to file a statement within 45 days of the last day of service to disclose the Legislator's sources of income in the Legislator's final year of service.
3. It requires a Legislator who is an employee of another to identify the title of the position held by the Legislator.
4. It requires that, if a member of a Legislator's immediate family received income of \$1,000 or more in compensation in a calendar year, the Legislator must identify the source of the compensation, the type of the economic activity and the title of the position held by the immediate family member.
5. It requires a Legislator to identify each executive branch agency to which an associated organization has sold goods or services with a value in excess of \$1,000.
6. It adds domestic partners to the definition of "immediate family" in the laws governing financial disclosure by certain executive employees.
7. It requires that, if a member of an executive employee's immediate family received income of \$1,000 or more in compensation in a calendar year, the executive employee must identify the source of the compensation, the type of the economic activity and the title of the position held by the immediate family member.
8. It requires an executive employee to identify each executive branch agency to which an associated organization has sold goods or services with a value in excess of \$1,000.
9. It requires an executive employee whose employment has terminated to file a statement of finances and a statement of positions within 45 days after the termination of employment relating to the final calendar year of the employment.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (S-523)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and amends the laws governing disclosure reports required of Legislators and certain executive branch employees. It amends the bill by clarifying the definition of "income" as it applies to reporting and disclosures by Legislators and executive employees. The amendment changes the definition of "managerial employee," which is used in the bill's definition of "associated organization." The amendment reorganizes the provisions in current law that require disclosure reports by Legislators and executive employees so that the provisions are consistent. New disclosure requirements include the organizations or businesses controlled by a Legislator or executive employee that receive revenue of \$2,000 or more but don't provide income directly to the Legislator or executive employee and a disclosure if the Legislator or employee holds certain positions with a political action committee or ballot question committee. Current law requires a Legislator or executive employee to disclose when that Legislator or executive employee or the Legislator's or executive employee's immediate family sold goods or services to an executive branch agency valued at \$1,000 or more. The amendment clarifies that this disclosure applies to any state agency, board or commission and requires disclosure if a Legislator or an executive employee, a member of a Legislator's or executive employee's immediate family or an associated organization sold, rented or leased goods or services valued at \$10,000 or more. This amendment also provides further information on what is meant by a substantial change as it applies to the requirement that a Legislator or executive employee file a report within 30 days if there is a substantial change in income, position or

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reportable liabilities since the last disclosure form. The amendment states that the 30-day change report applies to Legislators, executive employees and their immediate families, excluding dependent children.

**House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-935)**

This amendment requires the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to adopt rules to exclude an estranged spouse or domestic partner from the income reporting requirements for immediate family members of Legislators and executive employees.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 634 makes several changes to the laws that require legislators and certain executive employees to disclose sources of income, interests and liabilities. The law increases the threshold amount that triggers disclosure of income from \$1,000 to \$2,000. It clarifies the definition of income to mean gross income and to exclude certain things like alimony and child support payments. It specifies that when reporting the source of the income for a legislator, employee or immediate family member, the disclosure must state the position held by the person and the type of economic activity that resulted in the income. It adds a requirement that disclosure reports must be filed within 45 days of leaving legislative service or employment with the executive branch. It clarifies the requirement to disclose when a legislator, an executive employee or members of their immediate family are paid for goods and services provided to a state agency and increases that reporting threshold from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Chapter 634 also requires that a legislator or executive employee disclose when they are a key decision maker with a political action committee or ballot question committee. It adds a requirement to disclose income of \$2,000 or more by a limited liability company, partnership or other business in which a legislator, executive employee or their family members have at least 50% interest in, even if no income was received by that person during the reporting period. Chapter 634 also makes non-substantive changes to laws governing disclosures by legislators and executive employees to provide consistency between the disclosure provisions and to clarify existing law.

**LD 1828     An Act To Protect Public Safety in the Operation of Casinos**

**DIED ON  
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FARNHAM	OTP-AM	S-431

This bill appropriates funds to establish 10 new positions in the Department of Public Safety and provides funding for licensing and monitoring software for the Gambling Control Board to regulate gambling in the State. The provisions of this bill were incorporated into the supplemental budget bill, LD 1746 which was enacted to become Public Law 2011, chapter 657.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-431)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

**LD 1871     Resolve, Creating an Honorable Service Plaque To Honor Maine Veterans**

**RESOLVE 163**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COTTA SAVIELLO	OTP-AM	H-853

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The resolve directs the Director of the Bureau of Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to create a plaque for display in the Hall of Flags in the State House honoring veterans not otherwise honored by existing plaques. It authorizes the bureau to accept private funds for the creation and installation of the plaque.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-853)**

This amendment strikes the provision that allocates \$500 of Other Special Revenue Funds to the State House and Capitol Park Commission and replaces it with a provision that transfers \$13,000 from the Veterans Services program, General Fund account within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to contract for the design and construction of a plaque to honor veterans of the State.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2011, chapter 163 directs the Director of the Bureau of Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to create a plaque for display in the Hall of Flags in the State House honoring veterans not otherwise honored by existing plaques. It authorizes the bureau to accept private funds for the creation and installation of the plaque. Chapter 163 transfers \$13,000 from the Veterans Services program, General Fund account within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to the State House and Capitol Park Commission to contract for the design and construction of a plaque to honor veterans of the State.

**LD 1879      An Act To Treat Party Formation Committees the Same as Ballot Question Committees for Purposes of the Campaign Finance Laws      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FOSEL KATZ	ONTP	

This bill requires a group that receives or spends more than \$2,500 to form a new political party to be treated in the same manner as a ballot question committee for purposes of the campaign finance laws.

**LD 1880      An Act To Ensure the State's Authority over the Operation of Gambling Activities      PUBLIC 630 EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PLOWMAN	OTP-AM	S-507

This bill allows the State to engage in sales of lottery tickets over the Internet, beginning no sooner than September 1, 2013. Prior to that date, the Director of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations is required to develop a proposal for a system that will allow the sale of lottery tickets from a publicly accessible website administered by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-507)**

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment establishes a definition of "agent" as it pertains to those businesses licensed to sell lottery tickets on behalf of the State. The amendment provides that a gambling activity not expressly authorized by Maine law does not cease to be unlawful solely because it is authorized under federal law or the laws of another state or jurisdiction.

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**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 630 establishes a definition of "agent" as it pertains to those businesses licensed to sell lottery tickets on behalf of the State. It also provides that a gambling activity not expressly authorized by Maine law does not cease to be unlawful solely because it is authorized under federal law or the laws of another state or jurisdiction.

Public Law 2011, chapter 630 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 12, 2012.

**LD 1882      Resolve, Directing the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs To  
Develop Legislation Establishing a Presidential Primary**

**RESOLVE 164**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RAYE	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-517

This bill amends the presidential nomination process in the State. The bill provides that, whenever the state committee of a party certifies that there is a contest among candidates for nomination as the presidential candidate of the party and that the committee has voted to conduct a presidential primary election, the State shall hold a presidential primary election. Under the bill, only voters who are enrolled in the party may vote in that party's presidential primary election. Under the bill, delegates to the national convention must be allocated in proportion with the candidate votes and the uncommitted votes cast in the presidential primary election of the party.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-517)**

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that directs the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs to meet and develop legislation to be considered by the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature that establishes a presidential primary.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2011, chapter 164 directs the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs to meet and develop legislation to be considered by the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature that establishes a presidential primary.

**LD 1889      An Act To Amend the Liquor Laws of the State**

**PUBLIC 629**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FARNHAM	OTP-AM	S-532

This bill provides for administrative streamlining in the processing of liquor licenses. The bill amends provisions related to manufacturer licenses to provide for greater consistency with regard to taste testing and the provision of samples and other regulatory requirements. The bill changes from 6% to 8% the maximum volume of alcohol for a product to be considered a low-alcohol spirits product. It clarifies the definition of "incorporated civic organization" and expands donation allowances to permit donations to incorporated civic organizations issued a license for an on-premises event open to the public. The bill also repeals obsolete provisions.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-532)**

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This amendment amends the definition of "outdoor stadium" in the liquor laws to clarify that the number of seats in the stadium are fixed seats. It strikes the section of the bill that requires that master files be established for all applicants. It clarifies that donations of liquor to public broadcasting stations or incorporated civic organizations with liquor licenses are permitted by small manufacturers of wine, beer and spirits. The amendment strikes the increases proposed in the bill of the amount of wine and spirits samples that may be given to a retail licensee by a small manufacturer, wholesaler or sales representative. The amendment also makes several nonsubstantive changes to language in the bill to correct errors in the bill and for the purpose of clarity.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 629 makes several changes to the laws governing alcoholic beverages. It consolidates the laws governing manufacturing licenses issued in the state and provides that equal privileges are granted to small manufacturers regardless of the type of alcohol produced, when feasible, such as extending the ability to sell at farmers' markets, malt beverages produced by small breweries. Under existing law, the privilege to sell at a farmers' markets was only extended to small wineries. The law makes similar changes to provide that larger manufacturers have similar privileges among each other regardless of the type of alcohol produced. Chapter 629 makes changes to definitions within the alcohol beverage laws, including the definition of low alcohol spirits product, by increasing the percentage of alcohol by volume from 6% to 8%. The law clarifies how alcoholic beverages may be donated to public broadcasting stations for auction and to charitable organizations for auction or for service at an event held by a charitable organization with a liquor license. Public Law 2011, chapter 629 also makes clarifying changes to the laws governing tastings for retailers who will purchase beer, wine or spirits for sale at their licensed retail establishments.

**LD 1897     An Act Regarding the Issuance of Licenses by the Gambling Control Board and To Establish a Competitive Bidding Process for Future Operation of Slot Machines and Table Games in the State**

**PUBLIC 699**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BEAULIEU FARNHAM	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-919 H-942 WILLETTE M S-562 FARNHAM

This bill provides that, after September 1, 2012, the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board may not accept an application for an initial license to operate a slot machine facility, casino or any other gambling facility for which the board has licensing authority where slot machines or table games may be operated unless the applicant has been selected by a process of competitive bidding. Upon notification from the board of the enactment of legislation authorizing the board to issue a license for the operation of a slot machine facility, casino or gambling facility, the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services is authorized to award the right to submit an application to the board using a competitive bid process that includes a number of requirements specified in the bill. By March 15, 2013, the commissioner is required to submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over casino matters a draft of a request for proposals that would be issued based on the parameters established by the bill if a license for a slot machine facility, casino or other gambling facility under the licensing authority of the board became available.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-919)**

This amendment replaces the bill. It prohibits the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board from accepting applications or issuing licenses to operate a slot machine facility or a casino beginning September 1, 2012. It establishes the Commission To Develop a Competitive Bidding Process for the Operation of Additional Casinos or

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Slot Machine Facilities, which is made up of Legislators and stakeholders, to consider the economic impacts of existing casinos and the development of new casinos and directs the commission to develop recommendations for a competitive bidding process for slot machine facilities and casinos that may be authorized in the future. It establishes a nonrefundable application privilege fee of \$250,000 for any future slot machine facility or casino operator license and sets a minimum license fee, or cash bid if a competitive bidding process is established, of \$5,000,000.

### **House Amendment "B" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-942)**

This amendment adds a representative of agricultural fairs and a representative of the hospitality industry to the Commission To Develop a Competitive Bidding Process for the Operation of Additional Casinos or Slot Machine Facilities.

This amendment allows the commission to recommend a minimum cash bid or license fee in an amount other than \$5,000,000 when a deviation from the \$5,000,000 amount is warranted based on the geography or demographics of the location of a proposed slot machine facility or casino or the size of the proposed slot machine facility or casino. This amendment allows the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over casino matters to report out legislation, rather than a bill as proposed in Committee Amendment "A," to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

### **Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-562)**

The committee amendment prohibits the Gambling Control Board from accepting applications to operate a slot machine facility beginning September 1, 2012. This amendment provides that this prohibition does not apply to an application from a federally recognized Indian tribe that is expressly authorized by law to operate slot machines in Washington County.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 699 prohibits the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board from accepting applications or issuing licenses to operate a slot machine facility or a casino beginning September 1, 2012, unless that application is by a federally recognized Indian Tribe who operates high-stakes beano at a facility in Washington County which has been expressly authorized by law to operate slot machines at that gaming facility. It establishes a nonrefundable application privilege fee of \$250,000 for any future slot machine facility or casino operator license and sets a minimum license fee, or cash bid if a competitive bidding process is established, of \$5,000,000. The cash bid could be subject to a reduction if the geography, demographics and size of a proposed facility warrant such a reduction. Chapter 699 establishes the Commission To Develop a Competitive Bidding Process for the Operation of Additional Casinos or Slot Machine Facilities, which is made up of Legislators and stakeholders, to consider the economic impacts of existing casinos and the development of new casinos and directs the commission to develop recommendations for a competitive bidding process for slot machine facilities and casinos that may be authorized in the future. The commission is required to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over casino gambling by February 2014. The committee may submit legislation to the 126th Legislature based on the commission's report.

**LD 1906      Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, a Major Substantive Rule of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices**

**RESOLVE 158  
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

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This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, a major substantive rule of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2011, chapter 158 approved rules subject to legislative review for the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices regarding portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions.

Resolve 2011, chapter 158 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 18, 2012.

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