| Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs |
| 131st Legislature, Interim Meeting |

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Agenda:

10:00 a.m.   Welcome and Committee Introductions

10:05 a.m.   Work Before the Committee in the Interim; Discussion

- Legislative Analysts & VLA Chairs
  See Carryover List and Approved Interim Meeting PO request

~10:35 a.m.   Agency Reports - DAFS, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations

- Low-Alcohol Spirits Products: *Report of the stakeholder group convened by the Bureau to consider changes to the law that would allow the importation and sale of spirits containing between 8% and 15% alcohol by volume by certificate of approval holders and that would allow the production and sale of such spirits products by in-state manufacturers of malt liquor or wine. The report must summarize any conclusions reached and proposals supported by the stakeholder group, which may include suggested legislation. (PL 2021, c. 592, sec. B-4)*

- Breweries: *Report regarding any appropriate parameters for contract brewing by licensed in-state breweries and small breweries and the minimum on-site production requirements, if any, that should be imposed on in-state manufacturers of liquor as a requirement of licensure. In preparing the report, the bureau must consult with relevant stakeholders in the industry, including representatives of a statewide association of breweries and small breweries and a statewide association of wholesale licensees of malt liquor. (PL 2021, c. 658, sec. 288)*

~11:00 a.m.   Medical Cannabis Subcommittee; Discussion

- Legislative Analysts & VLA Chairs

REVISION AND RECODIFICATION
(entire chapter or title)

<u>Revision</u> – is the process of amending a major portion of statute to address errors, inconsistencies, ambiguities, and the like, whether technical or substantive in nature. A revision does <u>not</u> reorganize the statutes in a significant way

<u>Recodification</u> – is the process of updating and reorganizing a major portion of statute in order to make them more understandable and easier to use. A recodification does <u>not</u> make substantive changes to the laws. A recodification often has enabling legislation due to the complexity and lengthy nature of the work. The enabling legislation gives legislators, interested parties and staff time to work together to prepare a recodification and it provides the group doing the work guidance on the full legislature's support for the project.

OPTIONS FOR COMMITTEE'S CONSIDERATION

A. <u>RECODIFY</u> chapter 558-C during the interim

1. Subcommittee reorganizes chapter 558-C and submits draft bill to the committee at beginning of 2nd regular;

2. Matters for consideration:

   ✓ Does not fix substantive errors, omissions, ambiguities (committee may vote out a recommendation for a subcommittee/work group to fix substantive matters in chapter 558-C in the next interim for submission to the 132nd Legislature)

   ✓ No substantive changes to chapter 558-C this session

   - Carry overs affected - LD 1530, LD 1819 (part), LD 1952 (part);

   - Other legislation introduced in the 2nd regular, including any department bills;

   - Amendments to chapter 558-C in response to committee's review of 18 CMR 691, chapter 2, Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Program

   ✓ Needs a vehicle

   - Current carryover (LD 40, An Act to Amend the Cannabis Laws)

   - Recommendation of the Cannabis Advisory Commission (needs appointments; report due 01/15/24)

B. <u>REVISE</u> chapter 558-C during interim

1. Subcommittee identifies substantive and technical errors, omissions, ambiguities and the like in chapter 558-C and submits draft language to committee at beginning of 2nd regular;

2. Matters for consideration

   ✓ Does not reorganize (committee may vote out a recommendation for a subcommittee/work group to recodify chapter 558-C in the next interim for submission to the 132nd Legislature)

   ✓ Needs a vehicle

   - Current carryover (LD 40, An Act to Amend the Cannabis Laws)

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