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

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* contain summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Special, Second Regular and Second Special Sessions of the 128th 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.

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 dates for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special, Second Regular or Second Special Sessions of the 128th Legislature are: Monday, February 5, 2018; Wednesday, August 1, 2018; and Thursday, December 13, 2018, respectively. 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

for recipients of benefits of any food supplement program administered by the Department of Health and Human Services;

- 3. Adopt major substantive rules to implement the local foods procurement program; and
- 4. Report on the progress towards reaching the local food procurement goal in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's biennial report.

LD 1611 An Act To Protect Persons Who Cultivate, Process, Buy and Sell Hemp

Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MIRAMANT D SANDERSON D	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

This bill establishes an industrial hemp pilot program under which educational institutions of higher learning and others are allowed to plant, grow, harvest, process, possess, transport, purchase, sell and distribute industrial hemp for research purposes under a license issued by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The department is required to adopt rules to certify and register sites and license activities related to industrial hemp and to license industrial hemp producer collectives. The rules must address testing procedures and standards, an industrial hemp certified seed program, pollen drift and feral hemp and allow for hemp production indoors, outdoors and in greenhouses.

This bill allows licensees to use industrial hemp clones. It requires the department to encourage collaboration with other states' educational institutions of higher learning and state departments of agriculture. It also prevents industrial hemp from being listed as a primary or secondary noxious-weed seed. It creates a civil violation for a person or entity that violates the new provision.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-357)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee.

The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section and changes the beginning date of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's annual report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters to January 15, 2019.

LD 1647 Resolve, Authorizing Certain Land Transactions by the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

RESOLVE 29 EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	S-343

This resolve was reported out of committee in the First Special Session of the 128th Legislature.

This resolve authorizes the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands to exchange land along Main Street, Route 164, in the Town of Washburn for a nearby piece of land in order to improve the safety of recreational travel on certain state-owned trails used for motorized recreation and allow the