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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* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 129th 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 date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature is Thursday, September 19, 2019. 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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LD 4 An Act To Encourage Applied Shellfish Research

ONTP

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

This bill amends the law governing municipal shellfish conservation programs. It provides that a municipal shellfish conservation ordinance may allow a research entity to conduct applied research in conjunction with staff from the Department of Marine Resources or an approved professional entity to support a municipal shellfish conservation program. It also requires a municipality to require a research entity conducting approved research projects in the intertidal zone to issue an annual report on research findings to the Commissioner of Marine Resources by January 1st.

LD 28 An Act Regarding Access to Lobster Licenses

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCREIGHT J MIRAMANT D		

This bill directs the Commissioner of Marine Resources to authorize new zone entrants for a limited-entry lobster zone who have been on a waiting list for 10 or more years and have met certain eligibility requirements. A person authorized as a new zone entrant under this bill must adhere to specific trap tag limits.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

LD 174 An Act To Promote Youth Participation in the Maine Lobster Fishery

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCDONALD G MIRAMANT D	ONTP	

This bill allows an unlicensed person 12 years of age or younger to assist a Class I, II or III lobster and crab fishing license holder with licensed activities.

LD 290 An Act To Prohibit Motor Vehicle Use in the Intertidal Zone

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ZEIGLER S HERBIG E	ONTP	

This bill prohibits a person from operating a motor vehicle in the intertidal zone except to launch or retrieve a watercraft, to engage in an activity that requires the use of a motor vehicle and for which any necessary state or local permits have been obtained or if the vehicle is an authorized emergency vehicle. It specifies that a person who violates the prohibition on the operation of a motor vehicle in the intertidal zone commits a civil violation, except that a person who is adjudicated as having committed three or more civil violations for operating a motor vehicle in

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the intertidal zone within the previous five year period commits a Class E crime.

**LD 314 An Act To Simplify Apprenticeship Requirements for Student and
Apprentice Lobster and Crab Fishing License Holders**

**Accepted Majority
(ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FAULKINGHAM B DOW D	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill requires the Commissioner of Marine Resources to allow a person with an apprentice lobster and crab fishing license or a student lobster and crab fishing license to demonstrate apprentice program completion through verified landings of at least 4,000 pounds of lobster over a period of not less than two years.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-14)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. This amendment removes the requirement that the Commissioner of Marine Resources allow a person with an apprentice lobster and crab fishing license to demonstrate apprentice program completion through lobster landings. It clarifies that the allowance for a student lobster and crab fishing license holder applies only to a license holder who is less than 18 years of age and that landings must be confirmable, dealer-reported landings. Lastly, it specifies that 4,000 pounds of lobster must be caught over the course of 100 days at sea to be completed over two separate seasons, and not over two years, as in the bill.

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 340 An Act To Clarify the Temporary Medical Allowance Relating to
Lobster and Crab Fishing Licenses**

PUBLIC 68

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCREIGHT J MOORE M	OTP-AM	H-70

This bill creates a temporary terminal condition medical allowance that allows an individual to fish under the authority of the license of a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license holder when the individual is the child, spouse or domestic partner of the license holder and has completed the lobster apprentice program and the license holder has been diagnosed with a terminal condition and harvested a minimum of 1,000 pounds of lobsters within one year prior to the request for the temporary terminal condition medical allowance. The bill allows the license holder to continue to fish pursuant to the license despite having been issued an allowance but permits only one person, the license holder or the designated individual, to fish under the license at any one time. The temporary terminal condition medical allowance may not exceed one year in duration and may be renewed at the discretion of the Commissioner of Marine Resources.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-70)

This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. It clarifies that a lobster and crab fishing license holder who has a substantial illness or medical condition and has been granted a temporary medical allowance may continue to fish under the license as long as the license holder does not fish concurrently with the individual authorized to fish under the authority of that license holder through the temporary medical allowance. It adds domestic partners to the list of individuals authorized to fish under this provision. It also clarifies that the license holder is liable for the activities of the individual fishing under the temporary medical allowance whether or not the license holder is present on the vessel.