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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 129<sup>th</sup> 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 129<sup>th</sup> 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.

***Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business***

**LD 397      Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation To Conduct a Sunrise Review Regarding the Proposal To License Building Contractors, Insulation Installers and Energy Auditors      ONTP**

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

This resolve requires the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to conduct a sunrise review pursuant to the requirements in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 1-A, subchapter 2 regarding the licensing of building contractors, insulation installers and energy auditors. This resolve requires the commissioner to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Commerce and allows the committee to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

**LD 435      An Act To Provide for the 2019 and 2020 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds      P & S 2 EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HERBIG E STETKIS J	OTP-AM	S-8

This bill establishes the allocations of the state ceiling on issuance of tax-exempt private activity bonds for calendar years 2019 and 2020 among the state-level issuers of tax-exempt bonds. The allocations include the following:

1. A \$5,000,000 allocation to the Treasurer of State;
2. A \$40,000,000 allocation to the Finance Authority of Maine;
3. A \$10,000,000 allocation to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank;
4. A \$50,000,000 allocation to the Finance Authority of Maine as successor to the Maine Educational Loan Authority;
5. A \$50,000,000 allocation to the Maine State Housing Authority; and
6. A \$171,245,000 unallocated reserve.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-8)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Private and Special Law 2019, chapter 2 establishes the allocations of the state ceiling on issuance of tax-exempt private activity bonds for calendar years 2019 and 2020 among the state-level issuers of tax-exempt bonds. The allocations include the following:

1. A \$5,000,000 allocation to the Treasurer of State;
2. A \$40,000,000 allocation to the Finance Authority of Maine;

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3. A \$10,000,000 allocation to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank;
4. A \$50,000,000 allocation to the Finance Authority of Maine as successor to the Maine Educational Loan Authority;
5. A \$50,000,000 allocation to the Maine State Housing Authority; and
6. A \$171,245,000 unallocated reserve.

Private and Special Law 2019, chapter 2 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 5, 2019.

**LD 440      An Act To Continue the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program**

**PUBLIC 510**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SANBORN L PIERCE T	OTP-AM	S-61 S-326    BREEN C

This bill provides ongoing funds in the amount of \$800,000 per year to the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 12103-A.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-61)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

**Senate Amendment "A" (S-326)**

This amendment eliminates the General Fund appropriations of \$800,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2019-20 for the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Fund within the Finance Authority of Maine in the bill and, instead, provides one-time General Fund appropriations of \$400,000 per year in fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21 only.

This amendment also requires the State Controller to transfer \$400,000 at the close of fiscal year 2019-20 and \$400,000 at the close of fiscal year 2020-21 from available balances in Other Special Revenue Funds accounts within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the General Fund unappropriated surplus.

This amendment also requires the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to determine from which accounts the funds will be transferred so that the sum equals \$400,000 in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$400,000 in fiscal year 2020-21 and to notify the State Controller and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs of the amounts to be transferred from each account on or before June 30th of each fiscal year.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 510 provides one-time General Fund appropriations of \$400,000 per year in fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21 for the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Fund within the Finance Authority of Maine.

This law also requires the State Controller to transfer \$400,000 at the close of fiscal year 2019-20 and \$400,000 at the close of fiscal year 2020-21 from available balances in Other Special Revenue Funds accounts within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the General Fund unappropriated surplus.

This law also requires the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to determine from which accounts the funds will be transferred so that the sum equals \$400,000 in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$400,000 in fiscal year 2020-21 and to notify the State Controller and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs of the amounts to be transferred from each account on or before June 30th of each fiscal year.