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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.

This bill increases by .5¢ per returned container the handling costs to be reimbursed to the dealer or local redemption center for the cost of handling beverage containers beginning March 1, 2020.

LD 450   **An Act To Increase Funding for the St. Croix International Waterway Commission**   **CARRIED OVER**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
MOORE M PERRY A	OTP-AM	S-19

This bill provides an additional $25,000 per fiscal year to the St. Croix International Waterway Commission, provided the Province of New Brunswick, Canada commits to match the funding.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-19)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, H.P. 1322.

LD 505   **An Act To Require the Use of Reusable Food Ware at Eating Establishments**   **ONTP**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
RYKERSON D MIRAMANT D	ONTP	

This bill provides that a prepared food vendor may sell or provide prepared food to a customer for consumption on the vendor's premises only if the prepared food is served to the customer using reusable food ware. The bill also requires that a prepared food vendor may sell or provide prepared food to a customer for consumption off the vendor's premises using single-use disposable food ware only if the prepared food is served to the customer using single-use disposable food ware approved by the Department of Environmental Protection as recyclable or compostable.

The bill also requires that a prepared food vendor selling take-out food to a customer for consumption off the vendor's premises must require payment by the customer of a fee, retained by the prepared food vendor, of 25¢ for certain items of single-use disposable food ware in which the customer's take-out food is served or for each take-out meal served to the customer, whichever is less. The provisions of this bill also apply to a prepared food vendor or other food server providing or serving prepared food to customers at a state facility or state function.

LD 524   **Resolve, Regarding the Promotion of Composting**   **ONTP**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
HICKMAN C FOLEY R	ONTP	

This resolve requires the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to study the feasibility of establishing incentives or mandates to promote composting in the State. The departments are required to submit a joint report of their findings and recommendations, together with any