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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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manufacturer recommendations, including temperature stable conditions;

3. A requirement that nonprescription drugs dispensed by a vending machine be sold only in the manufacturer's clearly labeled, original, unbroken, tamper-proof and expiration-dated packaging;
4. A requirement that nonprescription drugs dispensed by the vending machine be no older than the manufacturer's expiration date;
5. A limitation that no more than 12 different nonprescription drugs be dispensed by any single vending machine;
6. A requirement that a vending machine through which nonprescription drugs are dispensed have an obvious and legible statement on the machine that identifies the owner of the machine, a toll-free telephone number at which the consumer may contact the owner of the machine, a statement advising the consumer to check the expiration date of the product before using the product and the telephone number of the board of pharmacy;
7. Identification of any nonprescription drugs that cannot be dispensed by a vending machine; and
8. Identification of any locations in which vending machines dispensing nonprescription drugs may not be located, including the following:
 - A. Private schools;
 - B. Public preschool programs;
 - C. Public schools; and
 - D. Child care facilities.

LD 50

**An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Government
Oversight Committee To Improve the Development of a Long-range
Strategic Plan for Economic Improvement in the State**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MASTRACCIO A HERBIG E	ONTP	

This bill clarifies the role of the Maine Economic Growth Council and provides for additional requirements for the Council. It requires the Council to, by December 31, 2020, develop a long-range strategic economic improvement plan for a sustainable state economy. It requires that the Council review and update the plan by December 31, 2022 and every four years thereafter.

This bill requires that in developing the plan, the Council employ a continuous process with a five to ten year planning horizon; include consideration of industries and jobs with significant growth potential in the state, the state's industrial base, regional, national and international markets, studies and evaluations in the private and public sectors regarding long term economic growth in the state, the quantity and quality and demographic composition of the state's workforce, discrepancies in challenges and opportunities among regions, opportunities and challenges for small businesses, and optimization of the return on investment in the state; use a public and private partnership approach that is objective and nonpartisan; and use a transparent public process that allows for public input.

This bill requires that the plan include goals and objectives for long term economic development; specific, quantifiable and measurable benchmarks against which progress can be measured; strategies and actions to

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accomplish the benchmarks; and recommendations for allocation of resources.

This bill requires that the Council produce a written progress report by December 31, 2022 and every two years thereafter.

This bill requires that the Council submit the strategic plan, progress reports, updates and revised plans to the Governor and Legislature. By January 21, 2021, the Council must present the initial plan to the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over economic development matters, the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over labor matters, the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and any other joint standing committees having jurisdiction over policy areas covered in the plan.

LD 88 An Act To Require the Truthful Display of Gasoline Prices ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BEEBE-CENTER P JACKSON T	ONTP	

This bill requires posted gasoline prices on pumps or on roadside signs of a retail seller to be the full price of the fuel and prohibits posting a price reduced due to factors such as method of payment, participation in a rewards program or a discount for the purchase of other goods or services from the retail seller.

LD 105 An Act To Establish the Office of Outdoor Recreation Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BREEN C PIERCE T		

This bill creates the Office of Outdoor Recreation within the Department of Economic and Community Development.

This bill makes an ongoing allocation of \$250,000 per fiscal year from the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund, which is funded by a portion of the meals and lodging sales tax, to the new Office of Outdoor Recreation.

LD 106 An Act To Amend the Maine Veterinary Practice Act Relating to Alternative Therapy or Collaborative Treatment Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GUERIN S		

This bill authorizes a person to provide alternative therapy or collaborative treatment to an animal only if the person holds a license, registration or certification from the entity in the State responsible for issuing licenses, certifications or registrations for the alternative therapy or collaborative treatment or meets certain educational requirements, has a referral to provide the alternative therapy or collaborative treatment from a licensed veterinarian and is under the