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**STATE OF MAINE**  
129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,  
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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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

**LD 101      An Act To Reestablish the Pesticide Notification Registry**

**Leave to Withdraw  
Pursuant to Joint  
Rule**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PLUECKER B		

This bill re-establishes the law, which was repealed by Public Law 2011, chapter 332, governing the development and maintenance of a registry of the properties of residents, lessees and property owners who request that their properties be placed on a registry in order that they receive advance notification of the outdoor application of pesticides near their properties.

**LD 125      Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Convey Certain Lands to Roosevelt Conference Center Doing Business as Eagle Lake Sporting Camps**

**RESOLVE 80**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN D BLACK R	OTP-AM ONTP	H-303 S-288    JACKSON T

This resolve requires the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to convey to Roosevelt Conference Center, doing business as Eagle Lake Sporting Camps, a 12.86-acre parcel of land in Township 16, Range 6. The resolve requires the director to sell the land at fair market value and to retain or withhold any rights to subdivide. The director is also required by the resolve to convey to Eagle Lake Sporting Camps a right-of-way along the service road to the Square Lake Road for appraised fair market value. The resolve also stipulates that the State must retain a right of first refusal to reacquire the parcel and right-of-way from the owner if the use of the parcel for a year-round sporting camp or Class A restaurant and lodge is discontinued or appropriate licenses are not maintained.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-303)**

This amendment, which is the majority report, requires the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to offer to convey, by quitclaim deed with covenant to Roosevelt Conference Center doing business as Eagle Lake Sporting Camps, a 12.86-acre parcel of land in Township 16, Range 6. If Eagle Lake Sporting Camps accepts the offer, the amendment requires the director at the State's expense and the purchaser at the purchaser's expense to each obtain a professional appraisal of the property and the higher of the two appraisals is the sale price. The amendment also stipulates that the use of the property is restricted to the operation of a commercial sporting camp, in keeping with the historical traditions of the area in general and particularly of this property. The amendment provides that if the property is no longer used for the purpose of a commercial sporting camp, title to the property reverts to the State without cost and any buildings that occupy the site must be removed by the property owner at the property owner's own cost.

**Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-288)**

This amendment removes the language from the committee amendment that required the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to provide an opportunity for comment if the director intends to lease any more land to Eagle Lake Sporting Camps other than the land conveyed pursuant to the resolve. Instead, this amendment requires that the director have placed in the deed words to the effect that Eagle Lake Sporting Camps and its successors and assigns agree that they will never ask for any changes to the deed and that they will neither ask for nor accept any further grants of land from the State other than the

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12.86-acre parcel conveyed pursuant to this resolve. A violation of this covenant results in the immediate reversion of the parcel to the State.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2019, chapter 80 requires the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to offer to convey, by quitclaim deed with covenant to Roosevelt Conference Center doing business as Eagle Lake Sporting Camps, a 12.86-acre parcel of land in Township 16, Range 6. If Eagle Lake Sporting Camps accepts the offer, the resolve requires the director at the State's expense and the purchaser at the purchaser's expense to each obtain a professional appraisal of the property and the higher of the two appraisals is the sale price. The resolve also stipulates that the use of the property is restricted to the operation of a commercial sporting camp, in keeping with the historical traditions of the area in general and particularly of this property. The resolve provides that if the property is no longer used for the purpose of a commercial sporting camp, title to the property reverts to the State without cost and any buildings that occupy the site must be removed by the property owner at the property owner's own cost.

**LD 127 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Maine Potato Board Districts**

**PUBLIC 6**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN D JACKSON T	OTP	

This bill amends the laws governing the Maine Potato Board to reduce the number of the board's districts from five to three and the number of assemblies to match the reduction in districts, to reduce the number of members on assemblies' executive councils so that all executive councils have five members and to reduce the number of officers an executive council must elect to one, a chair. It also removes the requirements that the board carry out duties under the laws governing the so-called Maine Bag Program.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 6 amends the laws governing the Maine Potato Board to reduce the number of the board's districts from five to three and the number of assemblies to match the reduction in districts, to reduce the number of members on assemblies' executive councils so that all executive councils have five members and to reduce the number of officers an executive council must elect to one, a chair. It also removes the requirements that the board carry out duties under the laws governing the so-called Maine Bag Program.

**LD 145 An Act Regarding the Membership of the Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine**

**PUBLIC 186**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ALLEY R MIRAMANT D	OTP-AM	H-227

This bill increases the membership of the Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine from eight members to 14 members and requires that one member be a member of a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State, one member be an organic grower, one member be a fresh packer, one member be the leader of a cooperative and one member be a representative of a value-added organization or company. The bill also increases the number of members who are grower representatives and decreases the number of members who are processor representatives who process 1,000,000 pounds or more of wild blueberries in a calendar year. The bill specifies that members may not serve consecutive terms.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-227)**