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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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety*

**LD 141      An Act To Promote Highway Safety by Restricting the Use of Marijuana and Possession of an Open Marijuana Container in a Vehicle      CARRIED OVER**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u>  | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| COREY P<br>ROSEN K |                         |                           |

This bill makes it a traffic infraction to consume marijuana or a marijuana product, to possess an open container of marijuana or a marijuana product in the passenger area of a vehicle or to place marijuana or a marijuana product in a container labeled by the manufacturer of the container as containing a nonmarijuana substance. This bill is similar to the provisions of law making consuming alcohol or having an open container of alcohol in the passenger area of a vehicle a traffic infraction.

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

See LD 637, a related bill on the issue of consuming or having an open container of marijuana in a motor vehicle.

**LD 159      An Act To Require Cameras in Ambulances When a Patient Is Being Transported      ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u>            | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MIRAMANT D<br>BEEBE-CENTER P | ONTP                    |                           |

This bill requires that, whenever an ambulance transports a patient from the scene of an emergency or from a hospital or other health care facility to another place, the ambulance must be equipped with video recording equipment that is in operation for the duration of the transport and that is producing a clear video record of the care provided to the patient. In accordance with applicable federal and state law, the video records are to be maintained as confidential by the ambulance service operator and, if applicable, by the Emergency Medical Services' Board and the Department of Public Safety.

**LD 182      An Act To Amend the Maine Bail Code Regarding the Financial Capacity of a Defendant To Post Bond      CARRIED OVER**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u>   | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| PIERCE T<br>ROSEN K |                         |                           |

This bill amends the Maine Bail Code to provide that a defendant who is not dangerous, is not a flight risk in the absence of bond and is otherwise eligible for bail may not be detained solely due to financial inability to post a money or property bond and may file a motion with the court requesting relief from the requirement to post a money or property bond. This bill requires the court to determine the financial capacity of the defendant and rule on the motion in an expedited manner.

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