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

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LABOR AND HOUSING**

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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.

Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing

Committee Amendment "A" (H-149)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, strikes the bill and replaces it with changes to the law governing the notification requirements for an employer that proposes to close or relocate an industrial or commercial facility that employs 100 or more people. It changes the notification period from 60 days prior to the closure or relocation to 90 days prior, changes the civil penalty from a maximum \$500 fine to a \$500 per day fine and it applies this civil penalty to both failure to notify the Department of Labor and failure to notify the employees and the municipal officers of the municipality where the facility is located.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 118 changes the law governing the notification requirements for an employer that proposes to close or relocate an industrial or commercial facility that employs 100 or more people. It changes the notification period from 60 days prior to the closure or relocation to 90 days prior, changes the civil penalty from a maximum \$500 fine to a \$500 per day fine and it applies this civil penalty to both failure to notify the Department of Labor and failure to notify the employees and the municipal officers of the municipality where the facility is located.

LD 219 An Act To Improve Working Conditions for Maine's Veterans and Immigrants ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SYLVESTER M BELLOWS S	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to enact measures designed to improve working conditions for Maine's veterans and immigrants.

LD 220 An Act To Improve Pay for Certain Maine Workers ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SYLVESTER M BELLOWS S	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to enact measures designed to improve compensation for certain workers in the State.

LD 240 An Act To Allow Public Employers of Teachers to Negotiate Regarding Planning and Preparation Periods Veto Sustained

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SYLVESTER M CHENETTE J	OTP-AM ONTP	H-518

This bill allows, but does not require, public employers of teachers to negotiate with respect to educational policies.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-518)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, specifies that planning and preparation periods are