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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.

Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

management or wastewater management. The amendment strikes the requirement that a member of the public with expertise in water advocacy serves on the committee. The amendment strikes the requirement that the committee focus on developing a strategy for protecting and managing groundwater resources in this State if worldwide clean water resources are threatened. The amendment also strikes phases two and three in which the committee is required to focus effort.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 67 establishes the Water Resources Planning Committee within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The law describes requirements related to committee membership, meetings and reporting. It also requires the committee to conduct an annual review of state policy in regard to water resources, provide guidance to municipalities and develop and disseminate educational materials on water resources and the regulatory regime.

LD 204 An Act To Provide Funding for a Ranger Pilot Position in the Maine Forest Service PUBLIC 422

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNPHY M DILL J	OTP-AM ONTP	H-66

This bill provides funding for a Ranger Pilot position and associated costs in the forest protection unit in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-66)

This amendment, which is the majority report, incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 422 provides funding for a Ranger Pilot position and associated costs in the forest protection unit in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry.

LD 233 An Act To Move the Bureau of Parks and Lands from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SKOLFIELD T BLACK R	ONTP	

This bill, which is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposes to move the Bureau of Parks and Lands from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

LD 269 An Act To Match the State's Definition of "Hemp" to the Definition in Federal Law Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MIRAMANT D HICKMAN C		

Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

This bill changes the term in Maine law "industrial hemp" to "hemp" and defines "hemp" to match the definition of "hemp" in the federal Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018.

LD 292 An Act To Feed Maine's Residents by Allowing Dairy Dealers and Producers in the State To Donate Fresh Milk to Food Banks in the State

PUBLIC 357

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLETT S BLACK R	OTP-AM OTP-AM	H-516

This bill exempts from the Maine Milk Commission's minimum price requirements donations of fresh milk by a dealer or producer-dealer to an incorporated nonprofit organization established for the purpose of reducing hunger and increasing food security.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-516)

This amendment, which is the majority report, strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment exempts from the Maine Milk Commission's minimum price requirements donations of fresh milk produced and processed within the State by a dealer or producer-dealer to an incorporated nonprofit organization in the State established for the purpose of reducing hunger and increasing food security. The amendment also provides that these donations may occur only if the fresh milk produced and processed within the State to be donated does not have a wholesale or retail market that will provide a higher monetary value to the dealer or producer-dealer.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-517)

This amendment, which is the minority report, strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment exempts from the Maine Milk Commission's minimum price requirements donations of fresh milk processed within the State by a dealer or producer-dealer to an incorporated nonprofit organization in the State established for the purpose of reducing hunger and increasing food security. The amendment also provides that these donations may occur only if the fresh milk processed within the State to be donated does not have a wholesale or retail market that will provide a higher monetary value to the dealer or producer-dealer.

This amendment was not adopted.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 357 exempts from the Maine Milk Commission's minimum price requirements donations of fresh milk produced and processed within the State by a dealer or producer-dealer to an incorporated nonprofit organization in the State established for the purpose of reducing hunger and increasing food security. The law also provides that these donations may occur only if the fresh milk produced and processed within the State to be donated does not have a wholesale or retail market that will provide a higher monetary value to the dealer or producer-dealer.

LD 333 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Dangerous Dogs and Nuisance Dogs To Allow for Flexibility in Protection Dog Training

PUBLIC 95

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SKOLFIELD T BLACK R	OTP	

This bill repeals the law prohibiting a person from training or encouraging a dog that is not directly involved with a protection dog training program recognized by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police to be aggressive toward or attack another person or domesticated animal.