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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.

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availability.

4. It amends the definition of telemarketing to include interconnected voice over Internet protocol and text messaging, and removes the requirement for at least one intrastate call.
5. It adds language stating that it is an unfair trade practice, enforceable by the Office of the Attorney General, for a seller or telemarketer to cause any caller identification services to transmit misleading or inaccurate caller identification information with the intent to defraud or cause harm to another person or to wrongfully obtain anything of value.
6. It adds language stating that it is not a violation of the prohibition against use of automated telephone calling devices or artificial or prerecorded voice for a seller or telemarketer to substitute, for the name and telephone number used in or billed in making the call, the name of the seller or charitable organization on whose behalf the call is placed or the seller or charitable organization's customer or donor service telephone number that is answered during regular business hours.
7. It adds language stating that a telecommunications carrier providing telecommunications service as allowed by federal law is exempt from the prohibition on causing any caller identification services to transmit misleading or inaccurate caller identification information with the intent to defraud, cause harm or obtain anything of value.

**LD 288**

**Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Create a Statewide Economic  
Development Plan**

**Leave to Withdraw  
Pursuant to Joint  
Rule**

Sponsor(s)

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Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This resolve establishes the Commission to Create a Statewide Economic Development Plan to study economic development issues and create a strategic, regionally focused economic development plan.

The Commission consists of 20 members, including:

1. Two members of the Senate from each of the two parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature of the Senate and appointed by the President of the Senate;
2. Two members of the House of Representatives from each of the two parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature of the Senate and appointed by the Speaker of the House;
3. The Chancellor of the University of Maine System or designee;
4. The President of the Maine Community College System or designee;
5. An individual representing a private organization focused on promoting economic growth in the state and appointed by the President of the Senate;
6. An individual representing a private research institution and appointed by the Speaker of the House;
7. The Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development or designee;

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8. The State Economist or designee;
9. A member of the Maine Economic Growth Council appointed by the President of the Senate;
10. A representative of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce appointed by the President of the Senate;
11. A representative of a regional chamber of commerce appointed by the Speaker of the House;
12. The Commissioner of Transportation or designee;
13. Three members representing business or professional organizations, two of whom may be representatives of business or entrepreneurial enterprises located outside of the State but that have or may have business interests in the State; and
14. Three members representing business or professional enterprises, each based in a separate region and from different industries, one of which must represent a business of less than 25 employees, appointed by the Speaker of the House.

This resolve directs the Commission to create an economic development plan that includes an identification of state, national and international economic trends impacting the State’s development; an inventory and analysis of the State’s competitive advantages and of factors preventing economic development; development of strategies for the promotion of business formulation, expansion, recruitment and retention; development of policies and programs to further economic diversity; stimulation of economic development in rural areas and smaller economic regions; promotion of successful long term developments; plans for the generation of foreign investment in the state that creates high paying jobs and reverse investment in the State; identification of business sectors that are of current or future importance to the State; strategies for talent development; and a strategy for investing in research and development for innovation in manufacturing.

This resolve requires that no later than January 15, 2020, the Commission submit a preliminary report, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters in the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature. The Commission must submit a final report by October 1, 2020 that includes its findings and recommendations and may include suggested legislation.

**LD 348      An Act To Prohibit the Providing of Misleading or Inaccurate Information via Caller Identification Services during Telemarketing Calls      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This bill makes it a civil violation for a seller or telemarketer engaging in a telemarketing call to knowingly cause any caller identification service to transmit misleading or inaccurate caller identification with the intent to defraud or cause harm to another person or to wrongfully obtain anything of value. It establishes a fine of not less than \$500 for the first offense and of not less than \$1,000 for any subsequent offense to be imposed in addition to any other penalties imposed under the law regarding telemarketing and caller identification and requires restitution to be paid.

The content of this bill was incorporated in LD 277, which was reported out of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business and enacted as Public Law 2019, chapter 185.