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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*

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-627)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment adds to the bill a directive that the Commissioner of Public Safety use appropriated General Fund funding for the purposes of the bill and authorizes the commissioner to accept and use for those purposes gifts, donations and contributions. The amendment adds an appropriation in fiscal year 2019-20 of \$43,500 to enable the State Fire Marshal to purchase a new high temperature thermal destruction incinerator.

**Committee Amendment "B" (H-628)**

This amendment is one of two minority reports of the committee. The amendment adds to the bill a marine flare disposal fee, in a new chapter in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, of 25¢ per flare. The fee will offset the cost to the General Fund of paying for the marine flare education, collection and disposal programs in the bill. The marine flare disposal fee takes effect on January 1, 2020. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This amendment was not adopted.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, H.P. 1322.

**LD 449      An Act To Impose a Mandatory Sentence for the Crime of Aggravated      ONTP**  
**Unlawful Operation of a Methamphetamine Laboratory**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KEIM L	ONTP	

This bill adds the crime of aggravated unlawful operation of a methamphetamine laboratory to the list of drug offenses that carry a mandatory four-year minimum sentence.

**LD 460      An Act Requiring the State To Reimburse Counties for All Costs      ONTP**  
**Exceeding the Tax Assessment for Correctional Services**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STANLEY S FARRIN B	ONTP	

This bill requires the Department of Corrections to reimburse a county for the annual costs of correctional services that exceed the county's tax assessment for those services.

**LD 485      An Act Regarding Actions of the Owner or Keeper of a Dog That      PUBLIC 134**  
**Assaults a Person and Causes an Injury That Requires Medical**  
**Attention**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
POULIOT M HARNETT T	OTP-AM	S-65

This bill requires the owner or keeper of a dangerous dog that assaults a person and causes serious bodily injury to remain at the scene of the assault until after providing the owner's or keeper's name and current address to the

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injured person, a person acting for the injured person or a law enforcement officer. A person who fails to comply commits a Class C crime.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-65)**

This amendment replaces the bill and provides a new title. The amendment requires the owner or keeper of a dog that assaults a person and causes an injury that requires medical attention to secure aid for the injured person, contain the dog, if necessary, and provide the owner's or keeper's name, current address and contact information to the injured person, a person acting for the injured person or a law enforcement officer before the owner or keeper may leave the scene of the assault. A violation of the section is a Class D crime.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 134 requires the owner or keeper of a dog that assaults a person and causes an injury that requires medical attention to secure aid for the injured person, contain the dog, if necessary, and provide the owner's or keeper's name, current address and contact information to the injured person, a person acting for the injured person or a law enforcement officer before the owner or keeper may leave the scene of the assault. A violation of the law is a Class D crime.

**LD 516      An Act To Establish a Statewide Voluntary Firearm Collection Day and Ongoing Program      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BROOKS H	ONTP	

This bill directs the Commissioner of Public Safety to design, implement and administer a statewide voluntary firearm collection day, the purpose of which is to provide to any person an annual, one-day opportunity to voluntarily turn over any firearm or ammunition in the person's possession to a law enforcement officer at a number of sites conveniently located throughout the State.

The commissioner is also required to facilitate the establishment of a year-round voluntary firearm collection program administered by the Bureau of State Police that, at a minimum, is designed to provide to any person the opportunity to voluntarily turn over any firearm or ammunition in the person's possession to a state police officer at any facility or function of the Bureau of State Police to which members of the public are regularly allowed admission.

The commissioner is directed to provide technical assistance and, as necessary and as resources allow, financial assistance to municipal and county law enforcement agencies that elect to participate in the voluntary firearm collection day or elect to establish an ongoing local voluntary firearm collection program. A person may not be charged a fee to turn over a firearm or ammunition to a law enforcement officer during the collection day or through a collection program and is required only to provide the law enforcement officer the person's name, mailing address and telephone number. Firearms and ammunition collected are to be destroyed, except for those firearms determined to have been stolen or used in the commission of a criminal act or that are otherwise sought as evidence in a criminal investigation or prosecution.

**LD 533      An Act To Eliminate the Statutory Duty To Retreat and Affirm the Right of Self-defense      Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ANDREWS J BLACK R	ONTP OTP-AM	