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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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

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 495      Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Conduct a Feasibility Study on Locating a Grain Processing Facility in Aroostook County      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T HICKMAN C	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to conduct a study on the feasibility of locating a grain processing facility in Aroostook County. The resolve directs the commissioner to present the study findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than December 4, 2019, and authorizes the joint standing committee to submit a bill relating to the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

**LD 497      An Act Regarding the Providing of Human Food Waste to Swine Producers      PUBLIC 39**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GUERIN S HICKMAN C	OTP-AM	S-17

This bill specifies that an individual, organization or institution, including a public school, that donates food waste to a swine producer for use in swine feed is not required to verify that the swine producer has a license to feed garbage to swine. The bill also specifies that it is private or public property owned or operated by a swine producer that the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may enter to investigate conditions relating to the treating or feeding of garbage to swine.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-17)**

This amendment strikes the provision in the bill that specifies that it is private or public property owned or operated by a swine producer that the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may enter to investigate conditions relating to treating or feeding of garbage to swine. Current law provides that the commissioner may enter any private or public property to investigate conditions relating to the treating or feeding of garbage.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 39 specifies that an individual, organization or institution, including a public school, that donates food waste to a swine producer for use in swine feed is not required to verify that the swine producer has a license to feed garbage to swine.

**LD 515      An Act To Require Ingredient Lists at Certain Retail Food Locations      Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PLUECKER B MIRAMANT D	ONTP OTP-AM	

*Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

This bill requires a commercial food producer with a retail location to provide upon request a list of ingredients of each food and beverage item offered for sale at the retail location.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-202)**

This amendment, which is the minority report, strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment provides that an unpackaged food or food product that includes one of the major food allergens as identified by the federal Food and Drug Administration is considered misbranded if a person sells, offers for sale or serves the food or food product in a food establishment with a retail store unless, when the food or food product is offered for consumption, a conspicuous label or sign is placed on the food or food product, immediately next to the food or food product or immediately next to the food's or food product's listing on a menu board indicating that the food or food product contains one of the major food allergens as identified by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 523      An Act To Permit the Indoor Production of Industrial Hemp**

**PUBLIC 115  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JOHANSEN C KEIM L	OTP-AM	H-193

This bill allows for the indoor production of industrial hemp.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-193)**

This amendment clarifies that an indoor facility includes a building, greenhouse, cold frame, hoop house, high tunnel, floating row cover or other agricultural or horticultural methods of extending the growing season by enclosing the growing area.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 115 allows for the indoor production of industrial hemp. The law clarifies that an indoor facility includes a building, greenhouse, cold frame, hoop house, high tunnel, floating row cover or other agricultural or horticultural methods of extending the growing season by enclosing the growing area.

Public Law 2019, chapter 115 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 16, 2019.

**LD 527      Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands To Establish a Law Enforcement Training Program for Park Managers and Certain Bureau Staff**

**RESOLVE 92**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SKOLFIELD T BLACK R	OTP-AM	H-229

This resolve directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands to implement a training program for bureau employees and agents who manage lands or waters and exercise law enforcement powers within the bureau's jurisdiction on various law enforcement practices, to be implemented no later than January 1, 2020.