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

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NATURAL RESOURCES**

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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 Environment and Natural Resources

necessary implementing legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, which may submit legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

LD 543 Resolve, To Facilitate the Protection of Public Health through Increased RESOLVE 13
Subsurface Wastewater Inspections

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLUME L	OTP-AM ONTP	H-37

Current law requires the inspection of a subsurface wastewater disposal system on a property located within the shoreland area of the State that is to be transferred. This bill expands these requirements to apply to the transfer of any property in the State on which a subsurface wastewater disposal system is located. The bill also amends other provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes as necessary to incorporate these changes.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-37)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, changes the title of the bill and changes the bill into a resolve directing the Department of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, to submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources on or before January 15, 2020 a report containing a variety of information regarding septic system inspections and the certification of septic system inspectors. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out a bill related to the information contained in the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2019, chapter 13 directs the Department of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, to submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources on or before January 15, 2020 a report containing a variety of information regarding septic system inspections and the certification of septic system inspectors. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out a bill related to the information contained in the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

LD 544 An Act To Create Extended Producer Responsibility for Post-consumer CARRIED OVER
Waste Generated from the Use of Tobacco Products

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

This bill, which is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposes to establish a system under which producers of tobacco products develop, finance and implement stewardship programs to collect, transport, process and safely dispose of post-consumer tobacco waste to reduce, prevent and mitigate the environmental effects of the disposal of that waste in the State. The bill proposes to:

1. Prohibit tobacco producers or retailers from selling or offering for sale tobacco products in the State unless they are participating in an approved tobacco waste stewardship program;
2. Require a tobacco producer to provide retailers that sell tobacco products information about the producer's tobacco waste stewardship program and information regarding available collection opportunities for post-consumer tobacco product waste. Under the bill, a retailer that sells tobacco products would be required to provide that information to its consumers at the time of sale;