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**STATE OF MAINE**  
129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL AND SECOND REGULAR SESSIONS



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 Special and Second Regular Sessions 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 Special Session of the 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature is Monday, November 25, 2019 and for non-emergency legislation enacted in the Regular Session of the 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Tuesday, June 16, 2020. 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*

**LD 169      An Act To Provide Occupants of Motor Vehicles with Gold Star Family      CARRIED OVER**  
**Registration Plates Free Entry to State Parks and Historic Sites**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHEATS B CARSON B	OTP-AM	H-13

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, H.P. 1322.

The bill provides for free entry to state parks, camping areas and beaches for those persons who have gold star family registration plates on their motor vehicles and for passengers in those vehicles.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-13)**

This amendment clarifies that free entry to state parks and historic sites for a person displaying gold star family registration plates is for day use only.

This bill was again carried over, still on the Special Appropriations Table, to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

**LD 446      An Act To Appropriate Funds to the Department of Agriculture,      CARRIED OVER**  
**Conservation and Forestry To Maintain Snowmobile Trails**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T MARTIN D	OTP-AM	S-53

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, H.P. 1322.

The bill provides a one-time appropriation to the Snowmobile Trail Fund to make grants-in-aid to political subdivisions, educational institutions, regional planning agencies, snowmobile groups and others for the maintenance of snowmobile trails.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-53)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

This bill was again carried over, still on the Special Appropriations Table, to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

**LD 569      Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and      ONTP**  
**Forestry To Submit to the United States Secretary of Agriculture a Plan**  
**for Continued Implementation of the Maine Industrial Hemp Program**

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

*Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

This resolve was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

The resolve directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to submit a plan to the United States Secretary of Agriculture to continue Maine's industrial hemp program and to regulate hemp in accordance with federal requirements.

**LD 795      RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine      CARRIED OVER  
To Establish a Right to Food**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HICKMAN C	OTP-AM	H-430
JACKSON T	ONTP	H-675    HICKMAN C

This constitutional resolution was carried over in the House from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

The constitutional resolution declares that all individuals have a natural, inherent and unalienable right to acquire, produce, process, prepare, preserve and consume and to barter, trade and purchase the food of their own choosing for their own nourishment, sustenance, bodily health and well-being.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-430)**

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

**House Amendment "A" (H-541)**

This amendment amends the bill by:

1. Removing the word "acquire" from the enumeration of the elements of an individual's right to food and removing the language limiting the exercise of acquisition;
2. Removing language establishing a fundamental right to be free from hunger, starvation and the endangerment of life due to scarcity of or lack of access to food; and
3. Specifying that the right to food does not allow an individual to abuse private property rights or abuse public lands or natural resources in the harvesting of food.

This amendment was not adopted.

**House Amendment "B" (H-675)**

This amendment amends the bill by:

1. Removing the words "acquire," "process," "prepare" and "preserve" from the enumeration of the elements of an individual's right to food;
2. Removing language limiting the methods of acquisition of food to hunting, gathering, foraging, farming, fishing and gardening and obtaining seeds by barter, trade or purchase;
3. Removing language establishing a fundamental right to be free from hunger, malnutrition, starvation and the endangerment of life due to scarcity of or lack of access to food;