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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 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*

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 608      An Act To Provide Funding for a Correctional Facility in Downeast Maine** **CARRIED OVER**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u>  | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MOORE M<br>TUELL W |                         |                           |

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

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to provide funding to establish a correctional facility in the eastern coastal region of Maine in Washington and Hancock counties.

This bill, which had not yet been voted by the committee, was carried over in committee to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

**LD 636      Resolve, To Establish the Work Group To Study the Use of Body Cameras by Law Enforcement Officers** **CARRIED OVER**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u>           | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| DESCHAMBAULT S<br>PICKETT R | OTP-AM<br>ONTP          | S-236                     |

This bill was amended to a resolve in the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature and then carried over by joint order, H.P. 1322.

This bill requires that, beginning January 1, 2021, a law enforcement agency shall ensure that each law enforcement officer in its employ is equipped with a body-worn camera and that such body-worn camera is in operation and creating a recording at all times the officer is in uniform and engaged in law enforcement-related encounters or activities. Use of body-worn cameras by law enforcement officers and the maintenance and retention of data and recordings must be consistent with model policies and procedures developed by the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-236)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment replaces the bill with a resolve establishing the Work Group To Study the Use of Body Cameras by Law Enforcement Officers, consisting of nine members appointed by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House and the Attorney General. The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee serves as chair. The Attorney General is required to give notice of meetings of the work group to the general public and a broad array of organizations. The work group is required to study the use of body cameras by law enforcement officers, to review current practices in Maine and outside of Maine, to review research on the use of body cameras and to report by March 1, 2020, with any recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

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