

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)

STATE OF MAINE
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES
AND TECHNOLOGY**

August 2019

STAFF:

LUCIA NIXON, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS
13 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, ME 04333
(207) 287-1670

MEMBERS:

SEN. MARK W. LAWRENCE, CHAIR
SEN. DAVID R. MIRAMANT
SEN. DAVID WOODSOME

REP. SETH A. BERRY, CHAIR
REP. DEANE RYKERSON
REP. CHRISTINA RILEY
REP. CHRISTOPHER JAMES CAIAZZO
REP. VICTORIA W. DOUDERA
REP. NICOLE GROHOSKI
REP. CHRISTOPHER J. KESSLER
REP. JEFFERY P. HANLEY
REP. CHAD WAYNE GRIGNON
REP. STEVEN D. FOSTER

STATE OF MAINE

129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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 Energy, Utilities and Technology

- 3. Limits the \$50,000 cap on the manufacturer's suggested retail price to vehicles that have a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less;
- 4. Removes the program start date of July 1, 2020;
- 5. Removes the fixed rebate amount of \$2,500 and instead requires the Efficiency Maine Trust to determine the rebate amount, which may vary by the size of the vehicle battery. It also permits the trust to establish different rebate amounts to provide opportunities for participation in the program across different customer groups and geographic areas;
- 6. Revises the eligibility criteria regarding registration of a vehicle in the State;
- 7. Adds language to specify that the trust may set limits on the number of rebates per person or per vehicle;
- 8. Removes the provision of the bill that provides a \$500,000 General Fund appropriation to the Electric Vehicle Rebate Fund; and
- 9. Establishes the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Fund, administered by Efficiency Maine Trust, to increase the availability and effectiveness of electric vehicle charging infrastructure in the State.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 258 establishes an electric vehicle rebate program to be administered by the Efficiency Maine Trust. It requires the Efficiency Maine Trust to determine the rebate amount, which may vary by the size of the vehicle battery and permits the trust to establish different rebate amounts to provide opportunities for participation in the program across different customer groups and geographic areas. This law also establishes the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Fund, administered by Efficiency Maine Trust, to increase the availability and effectiveness of electric vehicle charging infrastructure in the State.

LD 658 Resolve, To Increase Energy Independence for Maine

RESOLVE 30

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HUBBELL B DOW D	OTP-AM	H-170

This resolve directs the Governor's Energy Office to adopt a 10-year energy independence plan, including conservation and renewable energy strategies, for the State to become a net exporter of energy by 2030. It requires the office to develop the plan through a collaborative stakeholder process. The plan must be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by December 31, 2019 along with suggested legislation necessary to implement the plan. The resolve authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature related to the plan.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-170)

This amendment replaces the resolve. The amendment directs the Governor's Energy Office, in coordination with the development of the state energy plan or other planning initiatives, to conduct an analysis for at least one scenario for the State to become a net exporter of energy by 2030 through the development and expansion of energy generating capacity, energy conservation and energy efficiency at levels sufficient to offset the total value of the State's domestic energy consumption across all sectors. The amendment requires the Governor's Energy Office to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by December 31, 2019 on progress regarding the state energy plan and the analysis for the State to become a net exporter of energy.

Enacted Law Summary

Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology

Resolve 2019, chapter 30 directs the Governor's Energy Office, in coordination with the development of the state energy plan or other planning initiatives, to conduct an analysis for at least one scenario for the State to become a net exporter of energy by 2030 through the development and expansion of energy generating capacity, energy conservation and energy efficiency at levels sufficient to offset the total value of the State's domestic energy consumption across all sectors. The resolve requires the Governor's Energy Office to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by December 31, 2019 on progress regarding the state energy plan and the analysis for the State to become a net exporter of energy.

LD 674 Resolve, Regarding Implementation and Funding of E-9-1-1 Dispatch Protocols

RESOLVE 24

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RILEY T WOODSOME D	OTP-AM	H-100

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to enact measures designed to upgrade the State's E-9-1-1 system in accordance with certain recommendations contained in the report related to standardized dispatch protocols for police 9-1-1 calls that was presented to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology on January 15, 2019 by the Maine Public Utilities Commission.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-100)

This amendment replaces the bill, which was a concept draft. The amendment directs the Public Utilities Commission, Emergency Services Communications Bureau to convene a stakeholder group to develop recommendations regarding emergency dispatch protocols and use of the E-9-1-1 fund to support standardized dispatch protocol implementation. The amendment requires the stakeholder group to examine and make recommendations regarding: the use of the E-9-1-1 fund to cover costs associated with the implementation of standardized dispatch protocols and related requirements; issues related to the adoption and implementation of protocols for fire 9-1-1 calls and medical 9-1-1 calls; and potential future implementation of dispatch protocols for police 9-1-1 protocols on a mandatory or voluntary basis. The amendment requires the bureau to submit a report detailing the recommendations of the stakeholder group to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by November 1, 2019 and authorizes the committee to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature related to the report.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2019, chapter 24 directs the Public Utilities Commission, Emergency Services Communications Bureau to convene a stakeholder group to develop recommendations regarding emergency dispatch protocols and use of the E-9-1-1 fund to support standardized dispatch protocol implementation. It requires the stakeholder group to examine and make recommendations regarding: the use of the E-9-1-1 fund to cover costs associated with the implementation of standardized dispatch protocols and related requirements; issues related to the adoption and implementation of protocols for fire 9-1-1 calls and medical 9-1-1 calls; and potential future implementation of dispatch protocols for police 9-1-1 protocols on a mandatory or voluntary basis. The resolve also requires the bureau to submit a report detailing the recommendations of the stakeholder group to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by November 1, 2019 and authorizes the committee to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature related to the report.