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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 Marine Resources*

This bill directs the Commissioner of Marine Resources to ensure that a seat on the Shellfish Advisory Council is held by a member who has a demonstrated knowledge of a marine science and, at minimum, a bachelor's degree in a field of marine science.

**LD 675      An Act To Provide Equity in the Lobster Promotion License Surcharge      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FAULKINGHAM B	ONTP	

This bill amends the provisions regarding surcharges on lobster and crab fishing licenses that fund the Lobster Promotion Fund by replacing the current three-tiered structure for promotion surcharges on the three classes of lobster and crab fishing licenses with a single promotion surcharge of \$310 for all three classes of licenses.

**LD 676      An Act To Allow a Class III Lobster and Crab Fishing License Holder To Engage More Crew Members      PUBLIC 259**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FAULKINGHAM B	OTP-AM	H-287

This bill eliminates the Class I, Class II and Class III lobster and crab fishing licenses and replaces them with single and crew lobster and crab fishing licenses. It also specifies that a crew lobster and crab fishing license authorizes a license holder to engage an unlimited number of unlicensed crew members to assist in the licensed activities allowed by the crew lobster and crab fishing license.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-287)**

This amendment replaces the title and the bill. It increases from two to four the number of unlicensed crew members a Class III lobster and crab fishing license holder may engage to assist in licensed activities.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 259 increases from two to four the number of unlicensed crew members a Class III lobster and crab fishing license holder may engage to assist in licensed activities.

**LD 914      An Act To Enhance the Recruitment and Retention of Marine Patrol Sergeants      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DESCHAMBAULT S TUELL W	ONTP	

This bill provides funding to increase the salaries of Marine Patrol Sergeants in the Department of Marine Resources by five percent.