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129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and  
Business***

**LD 679      An Act Regarding the Licensing of Funeral Practitioners**

**PUBLIC 101**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STANLEY S	OTP-AM	H-144

This bill allows the State Board of Funeral Service to issue a permanent license to engage in the funeral service profession and operate a funeral establishment to an applicant who holds an active license to practice funeral service in another state, the license requirements of which are substantially similar to the license requirements in Maine.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-144)**

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill and does the following.

1. It repeals the temporary licensure process for an individual with an out-of-state license to practice funeral service and replaces it with a new process by which the board may issue a license to practice funeral service to an applicant who holds an active unrestricted license to practice funeral service in another state, the license requirements of which are substantially similar to the license requirements in Maine, as long as the licensee has not been subjected to disciplinary action in the prior state.
2. It requires the State Board of Funeral Service to adopt routine technical rules to implement the section describing the issuance of a license to an out-of-state licensee, and specifically requires that rules define what constitutes substantially similar license requirements.
3. It changes the continuing education requirements to allow for six, rather than eight hours to be conducted remotely, and removes the requirement that all continuing education programs be approved by the board.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 101 does the following.

1. It repeals the temporary licensure process for an individual with an out-of-state license to practice funeral service and replaces it with a new process by which the board may issue a license to practice funeral service to an applicant who holds an active unrestricted license to practice funeral service in another state, the license requirements of which are substantially similar to the license requirements in Maine, as long as the licensee has not been subjected to disciplinary action in the prior state.
2. It requires the State Board of Funeral Service to adopt routine technical rules to implement the section describing the issuance of a license to an out-of-state licensee, and specifically requires that rules define what constitutes substantially similar license requirements.
3. It changes the continuing education requirements to allow for six, rather than eight hours to be conducted remotely, and removes the requirement that all continuing education programs be approved by the board.

**LD 681      An Act To Amend the Maine Dental Education Loan Program**

**PUBLIC 102**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MASTRACCIO A	OTP-AM	H-145