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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 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 Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and
Business***

LD 679 An Act Regarding the Licensing of Funeral Practitioners

PUBLIC 101

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> STANLEY S	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-144
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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> MASTRACCIO A	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-145
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**Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and
Business**

This bill amends the Maine Dental Education Loan Program in the following ways.

1. It redefines “underserved population area” to mean “an area in the State that is a dental health professional shortage area or medically underserved area or that contains a medically underserved population as defined by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration”
2. It increases the maximum loan amounts available under the program from \$20,000 a year for a period of up to four years to \$25,000 a year for a period of up to four years, beginning January 1, 2020.
3. It eliminates the advisory committee on dental education.
4. It enables the Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of Maine to consult key stakeholders in administering the program and evaluating its effectiveness.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-145)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 102 does the following.

1. It redefines “underserved population area” to mean “an area in the State that is a dental health professional shortage area or medically underserved area or that contains a medically underserved population as defined by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration”.
2. It increases the maximum loan amounts available under the program from \$20,000 a year for a period of up to four years to \$25,000 a year for a period of up to four years, beginning January 1, 2020.
3. It eliminates the advisory committee on dental education.
4. It enables the Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of Maine to consult key stakeholders in administering the program and evaluating its effectiveness.

LD 686 An Act To Ease Record-keeping Requirements for Auctioneers

ONTP

Sponsor(s)

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HERBIG E

Committee Report

ONTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill provides that an auctioneer is not required to record the serial numbers of paper money that is subject to purchase. It retains the provision in current law that an auctioneer record a brief description of property the auctioneer purchases. It also allows an auctioneer to keep certain records regarding the purchase of used personal property in electronic form.