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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 742 **Resolve, To Examine How To Retain Reservation Booking Commissions in the State ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLUME L	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Tourism, as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 13090-C, to conduct a study on the feasibility of creating a state-operated online reservation service in order to retain reservation booking commissions in the State. The resolve also directs the Office of Tourism to report the study findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business no later than January 15, 2020, and authorizes the joint standing committee to submit a bill relating to the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

LD 768 **Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Research the Economic Disparities of Racial and Ethnic Populations ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TALBOT ROSS R LIBBY N	ONTP	

This resolve establishes the Commission To Research the Economic Disparities of Racial and Ethnic Populations. The Commission is comprised of 13 members, including the following:

1. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including members from each of the two parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
2. Four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, including members from each of the two parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
3. A representative of a community development organization appointed by the President of the Senate;
4. A representative of an economic policy organization appointed by the Speaker of the House;
5. The administrator of the Maine District Office of the federal Small Business Administration, or the administrator's designee;
6. Two members of the public engaged in working with communities of color in business development, one of whom is appointed by the President of the Senate and one of whom is appointed by the Speaker of the House;
7. The president of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce, or the president's designee; and
8. A representative of the Native American community.

This resolve tasks the Commission with researching income levels of and opportunities available to historically disadvantaged racial and ethnic populations in the state and with examining data regarding business ownership, household assets, debts and income, housing, employment and access to inherited wealth, capital and benefits. The Commission is also tasked with consideration of proposals to diversity business ownership. It also provides that

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notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the Legislative Council shall provide staffing to the Commission. This resolve requires the Commission to submit a report with findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

LD 769 Resolve, To Direct the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation To Create a Working Group To Study Credentialing Skilled Individuals with Foreign Credentials ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TEPLER D SANBORN H	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to create a working group to study credentialing skilled individuals with foreign credentials in the State. The working group consists of eight to ten members representing licensing boards and professional organizations served by the licensing boards in professions for which there is a need for and an opportunity to credential skilled individuals with foreign credentials. The working group is required to submit its report along with any recommendations and suggested legislation to the Governor and the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation. The commissioner is required to submit the report with any recommendations and suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing. The committee is permitted to report out a bill relating to the subject matter of the report to the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

The content of this resolve was incorporated in LD 1841, which was reported out of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business and enacted as Resolve 2019, chapter 79.

LD 771 An Act Regarding the Cancellation of Subscription Services PUBLIC 175

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAUGHTRY M	OTP-AM	H-143 S-99 HERBIG E

This bill requires a business that makes an automatic renewal subscription offer of an online magazine, journal or periodical, online media player, mobile app, social networking service or Internet game service to present a consumer in this State with an easily accessible disclosure of the methods that consumer may use to cancel the subscription, which must include online cancellation.

This bill applies only to agreements entered into or renewed after January 1, 2020 and does not apply to an entity that provides the host platform on the website of an Internet game service.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-143)

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business. This amendment does the following.

1. It strikes and replaces the bill to reallocate the provisions of the bill to a different chapter of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10.
2. It adds online software to the list of services falling under the bill's provisions.
3. It adds definitions for "online software," "extended automatic subscription renewal" and "seller."