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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	arried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
CON RES XXX	
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	π of constitutional resolution passed by both noises
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES	
DIED IN CONCURRENCE defeated in a	
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT ac	tion incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCYenacted 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 ENACTMENTlegislat	ion proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR Governor has not signed; fin	al disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW	sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODYruled	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	
PUBLIC XXX	
RESOLVE XXX	
VETO SUSTAINED	
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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.

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to clarify that waste materials resulting from or associated with the use of tobacco products, including, but not limited to, cigarette butts, constitute litter under the law.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 620 amends the State's litter laws to clarify that waste materials resulting from or associated with the use of tobacco products, including, but not limited to, cigarette butts, constitute litter under the law.

LD 559 An Act To Restore Regular Mapping of Eelgrass Beds in the State CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
MCCREIGHT J	OTP-AM	H-48
CARSON B		

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislatrue.

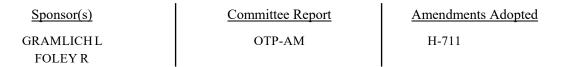
This bill directs the Department of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Department of Marine Resources, to establish and administer a program to regularly produce and update maps regarding the distribution of eelgrass beds in the State. Data collected and maps produced under this program must be made available on the Department of Environmental Protection's publicly accessible website. The Department of Environmental Protection is directed to submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environmental and natural resources matters on or before January 1, 2021, and biennially thereafter, a report on the data collected and maps produced under this program.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-48)

This amendment creates the Eelgrass Mapping Fund to support the establishment and administration of the eelgrass mapping program required under the bill and authorizes the fund to accept grants, bequests, gifts or contributions from any source, public or private. The amendment also revises the mapping schedule for the mapping of eelgrass beds as proposed in the bill and adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This bill was carried over to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788. It was carried over on the Special Appropriations Table.

LD 774Resolve, To Protect Maine's Beaches and ShorelineHELD BY
GOVERNOR



This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

This bill amends the State's coastal management policies laws to ensure that those policies address the effects of coastal erosion on the State's beaches and shoreline and ensure the health of the State's beaches and shoreline for habitat protection for coastal wildlife species and for protection against storms.

The bill also creates an advisory group on beach management, to be convened by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection for the purpose of developing and recommending objectives, strategies, legislation and

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other actions to mitigate coastal erosion in the State and to keep beaches healthy for storm protection, habitat protection for coastal wildlife species and for recreational use. The group is directed to review the report titled "Integrated Beach Management Program Working Group Report," dated January 2017 and submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources in the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature, update the data and findings contained in that report, if necessary, and review and update the specific recommendations for legislative, regulatory or other actions contained in that report, if necessary.

No later than February 15, 2020, the commissioner is required to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources containing the findings and recommendations of the group following its review of the 2017 report, including any proposed legislation necessary to implement those recommendations. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out legislation to implement those recommendations.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-711)

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve and changes the title. The resolve directs the Department of Environmental Protection to review the report titled "Integrated Beach Management Program Working Group Report," dated January 2017 and submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources in the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature pursuant to Resolve 2015, chapter 66, and to identify and, where necessary and appropriate, develop strategies, legislation or other actions to assist municipalities in the mitigation of coastal erosion in the State and to keep the State's beaches healthy for protection against storms, for habitat protection for coastal wildlife species and for recreational uses.

The department is required by January 15, 2021 to report its findings and recommendations following that review, including any proposed legislation necessary to implement those recommendations, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters, which is authorized to report out related legislation.

LD 951 An Act To Improve the Research Capabilities of State Agencies ONTP

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
DEVIN M	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to enact measures designed to improve the research capabilities of state agencies.

LD 952 An Act To Coordinate and Standardize Data Collection Protocols ONTP

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
DEVIN M	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to amend the laws to coordinate and standardize data collection protocols.