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**STATE OF MAINE**  
129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL AND SECOND REGULAR SESSIONS



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,  
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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 Special and Second Regular Sessions 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.

<i>CARRIED OVER</i> .....	<i>carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i> .....	<i>chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i> .....	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN HOUSES</i> .....	<i>House &amp; Senate disagreed; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i> .....	<i>defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i> .....	<i>action incomplete when session ended; legislation died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i> .....	<i>enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment</i>
<i>FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>failed to receive final majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT</i> .....	<i>legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>HELD BY GOVERNOR</i> .....	<i>Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session</i>
<i>LEAVE TO WITHDRAW</i> .....	<i>sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i> .....	<i>ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i> .....	<i>indefinitely postponed; legislation died</i>
<i>ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X</i> ...	<i>ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>chapter # of enacted private &amp; special law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i> .....	<i>chapter # of enacted public law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i> .....	<i>chapter # of finally passed resolve</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i> .....	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's veto</i>

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session of the 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature is Monday, November 25, 2019 and for non-emergency legislation enacted in the Regular Session of the 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Tuesday, June 16, 2020. 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

This resolve was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

The resolve directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to submit a plan to the United States Secretary of Agriculture to continue Maine's industrial hemp program and to regulate hemp in accordance with federal requirements.

**LD 795      RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine      CARRIED OVER**  
**To Establish a Right to Food**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HICKMAN C	OTP-AM	H-430
JACKSON T	ONTP	H-675 HICKMAN C

This constitutional resolution was carried over in the House from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

The constitutional resolution declares that all individuals have a natural, inherent and unalienable right to acquire, produce, process, prepare, preserve and consume and to barter, trade and purchase the food of their own choosing for their own nourishment, sustenance, bodily health and well-being.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-430)**

This amendment, which is the majority report, incorporates a fiscal note.

**House Amendment "A" (H-541)**

This amendment amends the bill by:

1. Removing the word "acquire" from the enumeration of the elements of an individual's right to food and removing the language limiting the exercise of acquisition;
2. Removing language establishing a fundamental right to be free from hunger, starvation and the endangerment of life due to scarcity of or lack of access to food; and
3. Specifying that the right to food does not allow an individual to abuse private property rights or abuse public lands or natural resources in the harvesting of food.

This amendment was not adopted.

**House Amendment "B" (H-675)**

This amendment amends the bill by:

1. Removing the words "acquire," "process," "prepare" and "preserve" from the enumeration of the elements of an individual's right to food;
2. Removing language limiting the methods of acquisition of food to hunting, gathering, foraging, farming, fishing and gardening and obtaining seeds by barter, trade or purchase;
3. Removing language establishing a fundamental right to be free from hunger, malnutrition, starvation and the endangerment of life due to scarcity of or lack of access to food;

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- 4. Specifying that the right to food does not allow an individual to commit trespassing, theft, poaching or other abuses of private property rights, public lands or natural resources in the harvesting, production or acquisition of food; and
- 5. Changing the question to reflect the changes made by this amendment.

This constitutional resolution was carried over in the House to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

**LD 908      An Act To Require Schools To Submit Pest Management Activity Logs      CARRIED OVER**  
**and Inspection Results to the Board of Pesticides Control for the**  
**Purpose of Providing Information to the Public**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAUGHTRY M MILLETT R	OTP-AM	H-302

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, H.P. 1322.

The bill establishes in law certain requirements of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control related to pest management on school property. It requires a school to maintain a pest management activity log related to the application of pesticides. It requires this information to be provided annually to the board and requires the board to post the information on its publicly accessible website. It also requires that the board post on its publicly accessible website a list of all board inspections of a school's use of pesticides and the results of those inspections.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-302)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

The fiscal note on the amendment, which is a fiscal note only amendment, identifies certain requirements in the bill as a potential state mandate. In order to be a mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, a provision must require a local unit of government to expand or modify its activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue. The committee finds the provisions identified as a potential mandate do not require a local unit of government to expand or modify its activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue.

The requirement in the bill that a local school administrative unit submit a pest management activity log to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control by January 15th of each year for the previous calendar year does not require an expansion or modification of activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue. Local school administrative units currently prepare pest management activity logs with the required data pursuant to rules established by the Board of Pesticides Control. The committee finds that the act of submitting a pest management activity log that is already required to be maintained does not necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue.

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