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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 State and Local Government

LD 749 An Act To Increase the Transparency of the "Maine Open Checkbook" Website ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HARRINGTON M	ONTP	

This bill requires the State Controller to maintain a publicly accessible website with up-to-date information concerning the State's payroll and vendor information. This bill requires the website to include the names of all recipients of state grants, track and record all payments made by quasi-public entities of the State, and include the dollar value of credits awarded through all state economic development programs.

LD 806 An Act To Clarify the Definition of "Ancient Burying Ground" ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MIRAMANT D NADEAU C	ONTP	

This bill defines an ancient burying grounds to include private cemeteries established pursuant to Public Law 1829, chapter 420 and Public Law 1839, chapter 392 and family burying grounds established before 1880. It permits the existence of an ancient burying ground be established through family papers, records of registers of deeds or municipal records, but provides that the lack of such documentation, or of apparent marked boundaries, does not negate the existence of, or a place's status as, an ancient burying ground.

LD 825 An Act To Change the Harassment Prevention Training Required for Legislators, Legislative Staff and Lobbyists PUBLIC 41

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TALBOT ROSS R BLACK R	OTP-AM	H-30

This bill expands the scope of harassment prevention training required for Legislators, legislative staff and lobbyists to include racial harassment.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-30)

This amendment clarifies that sexual and racial harassment are some, but not all of the types of harassment about which Legislators, legislative staff and lobbyists must be trained.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 41 requires Legislators, legislative staff and lobbyists receive training on harassment, including but not limited to, sexual and racial harassment.

LD 848 An Act Concerning Disclosure Requirements for Transfers of Properties Accessed by Means Other Than a Public Way PUBLIC 142

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN D JACKSON T	OTP	