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129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 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.

*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 129<sup>th</sup> 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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety*

See also LDs 326 and 1834.

**LD 1014 An Act To Attract and Retain Firefighters**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HERBIG E THERIAULT T	OTP-AM	S-242

This bill provides funding to the Maine Length of Service Award Program to provide length of service awards to eligible volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services personnel.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-242)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, H.P. 1322.

**LD 1018 Resolve, To Review the Laws Governing the Enforcement of Protection from Abuse Orders**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROSEN K WARREN C	ONTP	

This resolve requires the Department of Public Safety to convene a work group to review the laws governing enforcement of protection from abuse orders and how those orders are enforced by law enforcement officers.

**LD 1022 An Act To Establish as a Class C Crime Criminal Conduct in Retaliation against a Witness, Informant, Victim or Juror**

**PUBLIC 309**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CARPENTER M	OTP-AM	S-159

This bill amends the elements of the crime of tampering with a witness, informant, juror or victim by adding the instance of committing an unlawful act in retaliation against a witness, informant, juror or victim for acting in the capacity of a witness, informant, juror or victim.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-159)**

This amendment replaces the bill and provides a new title. The amendment creates a new Class C crime of retaliation against a witness, informant, victim or juror if a person, believing that another person is participating or has participated as a witness, informant, victim or juror in an official proceeding, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 451, subsection 5, paragraph A, or, in an official criminal investigation, engages in criminal conduct with the intent to retaliate for that other person's role in the official proceeding or criminal investigation.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 309 creates a new Class C crime of retaliation against a witness, informant, victim or juror if a person, believing that another person is participating or has participated as a witness, informant, victim or