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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 State and Local Government

LD 1054 An Act To Clarify the Use of Burying Grounds and Family Burying Grounds

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BAILEY D	ONTP OTP	

This bill clarifies the law relating to burying grounds not larger than 1/2 of an acre and family burying grounds not larger than 1/4 of an acre. The description of both types of burying grounds must be recorded in the appropriate registry of deeds. Both are exempt from minimum lot size, and road frontage or other dimensional requirements of any land use regulation or ordinance. The appropriation of either does not create a lot or lots for purposes of subdivision regulation. Burying grounds not larger than 1/2 of an acre are exempt from attached and execution, and are indivisible by the owners without the consent of all the owners. The easement retained by the descendants of any person interned in a family burying ground may be used at reasonable hours using a reasonably convenient route established in a conveyance of the surrounding property, in a direct route from the public way nearest the burying ground, or by another route of equal convenience designated by the owner of the property surrounding the family burying ground.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

LD 1065 An Act To Expand Health Insurance Coverage To Certain State Employees

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HICKMAN C SANBORN H	OTP-AM ONTP	H-292

This bill requires the State to pay its share of the employee health insurance plan premium for seasonal or session-only employees regardless of whether the employee is in active work status, except when the seasonal or session-only employee has health coverage under another plan.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-292)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It requires the State Budget Officer to calculate the increased cost to state departments and agencies due to the requirements of the bill and to transfer the required amounts by financial order. This amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

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 1066 An Act To Address Municipal Conflicts of Interest

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAMPSON H LIBBY N	ONTP	

This bill prohibits a municipal treasurer, tax collector or town officer performing the duties of either, from simultaneously acting as the municipality's code enforcement officer. The bill requires the town manager to