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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

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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 Health and Human Services*

**LD 1142      Resolve, To Expand Transportation Services for Seniors Who Are  
MaineCare Members**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This resolve was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

This emergency resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to submit an amendment request to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to the 1915(c) waiver that provides services to the elderly under the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Section 19 to allow for coverage of transportation services required to access services specified in the individual's service plan that are nonmedical in nature. The waiver request must be submitted no later than October 1, 2019. Upon approval, the department shall amend its rules to cover the new service. The department shall submit a progress report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services regarding the waiver request and rulemaking. The resolve also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a stakeholder group to develop a plan to provide nonmedical transportation services to travel to destinations to meet basic needs to persons who are 61 years of age or older with no other means of transportation and who are MaineCare members or receive state-funded services under the department's rule Chapter 5: Office of Elder Services Policy Manual, Section 63. The plan must be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 30, 2020.

This resolve, which had been voted by the committee (OTPA/OTPA) but not yet reported out, was carried over in committee to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

**LD 1146      An Act To Ensure the Provision of Housing Navigation Services to Older  
Adults and Persons with Disabilities**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCREIGHT J BELLOWS S	ONTP	

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

This bill creates within the Department of Health and Human Services a housing navigator who:

1. Assists disabled and elderly persons in locating housing, transitioning between housing settings and accessing home repair and home modification services and materials;
2. Maintains and makes publicly available housing assistance information and resources; and
3. Identifies gaps in housing assistance needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities and periodically submits a report on the gaps to the director of the Department of Health and Human Services' office of aging and disability services for inclusion in the state plan on aging.