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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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

LD 1103 An Act To Increase the Number of Members of the Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine

Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule

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

This bill expands the membership of the Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine by adding two additional members who are grower representatives and requires the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to formally call for nominations for grower representative members. The bill clarifies the requirements governing grower representative members and processor representative members. The bill prohibits former employees of the commission from serving as paid lobbyists for wild blueberry businesses for a period of one year following employment by the commission. The bill also allows members of the University of Maine System Wild Blueberry Advisory Committee to be reappointed for additional terms.

LD 1114 An Act To Humanely Treat Animals Trapped in Buildings

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DESCHAMBAULT S PICKETT R	ONTP	

This bill requires an animal control officer or law enforcement officer who responds to a report of an animal trapped in a building to attempt to capture and release the animal unharmed unless doing so would pose a threat to public health or safety.

LD 1159 Resolve, To End Hunger in Maine by 2030

RESOLVE 32

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HICKMAN C JACKSON T	OTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, in consultation and collaboration with interested parties and stakeholders, to collaborate with the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Labor, the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Department of Education, the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services and the University of Maine Cooperative Extension to develop a comprehensive strategic plan to eliminate hunger in the State by 2030. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry is required to submit an initial design for the plan by February 10, 2020 to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, which may submit legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2019, chapter 32 directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, in consultation and collaboration with interested parties and stakeholders, to collaborate with the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Labor, the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Department of Education, the Department of

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LD 1167 An Act To Increase Consumption of Maine Foods in State Institutions

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HICKMAN C VITELLI E		

Current law requires state and school purchasers to buy meat, fish, dairy products, excluding milk and eggs, and species of fruits and fresh vegetables directly from Maine food producers or food brokers. This bill establishes a minimum percentage of Maine foodstuffs, including milk or milk products, eggs, meat or meat products, poultry or poultry products, fish or fish products and fruits and vegetables, that must be purchased, requiring at least 20 percent by December 31, 2025, at least 30 percent by December 31, 2030, at least 40 percent by December 31, 2040 and at least 50 percent by December 31, 2050. The bill exempts from the requirements school purchasers at schools participating in the National School Lunch Program. The bill also clarifies that "Maine food producer" includes food processors, revises provisions regulating quality standards and requires competitive bidding when more than one producer or broker or wholesaler can supply a given foodstuff.

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

LD 1230 An Act To Update the Civil Animal Welfare Laws

PUBLIC 437

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NADEAU C BLACK R	OTP-AM	H-380

This bill amends the civil animal welfare laws in the following ways.

1. It removes the provision regarding registering a dog as a service dog and issuing a tag identifying the dog as a service dog.
2. It clarifies that the dog licensing fee is waived for an owner who produces documentation that the dog is a service dog.
3. It provides for euthanasia of severely sick or severely injured stray livestock authorized by a veterinarian, humane agent, animal control officer or animal shelter.
4. It provides for immunity for a municipality, veterinarian, humane agent, animal control officer and animal shelter in instances involving handling of stray livestock.
5. It adds to the animal cruelty provisions the violation of intentionally giving an animal a scheduled drug.
6. It increases the penalties for civil violations involving animal cruelty.