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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 Special and Second Regular Sessions 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 Special Session of the 129th Legislature is Monday, November 25, 2019 and for non-emergency legislation enacted in the Regular Session of the 129th Legislature, Tuesday, June 16, 2020. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

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house the district headquarters of the department's Bureau of Forestry.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-335)

This amendment requires the State Controller to transfer to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund \$350,000 from the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than January 1, 2020.

This resolve was carried over in the Senate to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

LD 1037 An Act To Address the Browntail Moth Infestation

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TEPLER D BREEN C	OTP-AM ONTP	H-449

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, H.P. 1322.

This bill provides funding to the University of Maine System to support a three-year study of the browntail moth infestation. This bill specifies that funds appropriated for this purpose do not lapse but must be carried forward into the next fiscal year to be used only to support the cost of the study.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-449)

This amendment, which is the majority report, requires the University of Maine System to submit an annual report on the progress of the three-year browntail moth infestation study to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters and the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than March 1st for the duration of the three-year study.

This bill was again carried over still on the Appropriations Table, to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

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

PUBLIC 677

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HICKMAN C VITELLI E	OTP-AM	H-761

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

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. The 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% by December 31, 2025, at least 30% by December 31, 2030, at least 40% by December 31, 2040 and at least 50% 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,

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revises provisions regulating quality standards and requires competitive bidding when more than one producer or broker or wholesaler can supply a given foodstuff.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-761)

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment provides that it is the policy of the State to encourage the procurement of Maine foods and food products by state institutions to increase the viability of Maine farms and food businesses, thus making a positive contribution to the State's economy and enhancing food self-sufficiency for the State. The amendment directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to establish and promote a Maine foods procurement program with the goal that, no later than 2025, 20% of food and food products procured by state institutions are Maine food or food products.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 677 provides that it is the policy of the State to encourage the procurement of Maine foods and food products by state institutions to increase the viability of Maine farms and food businesses, thus making a positive contribution to the State's economy and enhancing food self-sufficiency for the State. The law directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to establish and promote a Maine foods procurement program with the goal that, no later than 2025, 20% of food and food products procured by state institutions are Maine food or food products.

LD 1270 An Act To Create Certain Recreational Opportunities on State-owned Land

**Accepted Majority
(ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T COREY P	ONTP OTP	

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

The bill provides that, beginning January 1, 2020, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands may develop new marked hiking trails within the unorganized territory on which loaded firearms are permitted and within 300 feet of which, during the months of October and November, firearms may be discharged.

LD 1311 An Act Regarding the Sale of Dogs and Cats at Pet Shops

PUBLIC 544

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHIPMAN B	ONTP OTP-AM	S-272

This bill prohibits a pet shop from selling dogs and cats and establishes a fine of \$500 per violation as well as license suspension or revocation. A pet shop may provide space to an animal rescue entity to offer to the public dogs and cats for adoption.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-272)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, does the following:

1. It allows pet shops that are currently lawfully offering dogs or cats for sale to continue to offer dogs and cats for