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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.

animal shelter is not civilly liable to any party for authorization of euthanasia of severely sick or severely injured livestock if certain conditions are met nor is any person performing euthanasia under that authorization.

It adds the intent to harm or intoxicate an animal to the animal cruelty provisions of the violation of giving a scheduled drug to an animal.

It clarifies under the provision establishing municipal procedures for the handling of stray livestock that "livestock" does not include feral swine or domesticated cervids.

Public Law 2019, chapter 437 repeals and amends certain provisions under Title 33, chapter 21 relating to lost goods and stray beasts.

It also repeals the requirement that the finder of a stray beast, potentially a municipality, keep a stray beast for up to six months. It requires a municipality to follow certain procedures related to stray livestock, but a municipality is only required to retain custody for 10 days.

LD 1246	An Act To Protect the Health and Safety of Maine State Park Visitors and Staff		PUBLIC 110

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
CAIAZZO C	OTP	

This bill requires the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to determine minimum levels of staffing for all state parks, except Baxter State Park, and historic sites and national parks that are controlled and managed by the State. The bill also requires the director to consider a list of factors, including, but not limited to, visitor capacity limits, availability of emergency response services and emergency planning issues specific to a park or historic site, when making a determination of staffing levels for each park or historic site.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 110 requires the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to determine minimum levels of staffing for all state parks, except Baxter State Park, and historic sites and national parks that are controlled and managed by the State. The law also requires the director to consider a list of factors, including, but not limited to, visitor capacity limits, availability of emergency response services and emergency planning issues specific to a park or historic site, when making a determination of staffing levels for each park or historic site.

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

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
JACKSON T COREY P		

This 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.

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