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129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES**

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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 Environment and Natural Resources*

**LD 1121 An Act To Acknowledge Potable Water as a Necessity**

**PUBLIC 126**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHENETTE J GRAMLICH L	OTP	

This bill adds potable water to lists of necessities in the Maine Revised Statutes in laws governing profiteering in necessities, municipal general assistance and supplies for jails.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 126 adds potable water to lists of necessities in the Maine Revised Statutes in laws governing profiteering in necessities, municipal general assistance and supplies for jails.

**LD 1287 An Act To Protect the Penobscot River and Penobscot Bay from Mercury Contamination**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DODGE J MIRAMANT D	ONTP	

This bill requires dredging in the Penobscot River south of the former HoltraChem Manufacturing Company site in the Town of Orrington and in Penobscot Bay north of the southern tip of Islesboro Island to comply with certain sampling requirements prior to being permitted under the Natural Resources Protection Act.

**LD 1320 An Act To Require the Department of Environmental Protection To Provide Natural Resources Protection Act Permits to Affected Municipalities**

**PUBLIC 181**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FAY J	OTP-AM	H-238

This bill requires that when the Department of Environmental Protection issues a permit under the Natural Resources Protection Act the department must provide a copy of the entire permit to each municipality in which the proposed activity is to occur.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-238)**

This amendment clarifies that the Department of Environmental Protection must provide to each municipality in which a proposed activity is to occur a copy of the permitting decision or other authorization or denial when a Natural Resources Protection Act permit is issued or denied or a Natural Resources Protection Act permit by rule is approved or denied. The bill requires the department to provide a copy of the entire permit.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 181 clarifies that the Department of Environmental Protection must provide to each municipality in which a proposed activity is to occur a copy of the permitting decision or other authorization or denial when a Natural Resources Protection Act permit is issued or denied or a Natural Resources Protection Act permit by rule is approved or denied.