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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 Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and
Business***

LD 1290 **An Act To Increase Transparency with Regard to Pawnshops**

PUBLIC 296

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> HARRINGTON M	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-415
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This bill requires pawnbrokers to, within 10 days of a pawn transaction, submit a report of the transaction to the law enforcement agency of jurisdiction and to a regional property and recovery tracking system administered by a regional law enforcement organization recognized by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police. The transaction report must include:

1. The name and address of the pawnbroker;
2. The date and time of the transaction;
3. The name, address, date of birth, telephone number, if any, and unique identifying number on the written proof of identification required of the consumer or seller; and
4. Information on every item involved in the transaction, including a description of the item, manufacturer, if known, serial number, if any, and amount of the loan or purchase price given for the item.

This bill makes a violation of the reporting requirements a Class E crime.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-415)

This amendment removes the criminal provision included in the bill, removes the requirement for reporting to a law enforcement agency of jurisdiction and provides an effective date of July 1, 2020.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 296 requires pawnbrokers to, within 10 days of a pawn transaction, submit a report of the transaction to a regional property and recovery tracking system administered by a regional law enforcement organization recognized by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police. The transaction report must include:

1. The name and address of the pawnbroker;
2. The date and time of the transaction;
3. The name, address, date of birth, telephone number, if any, and unique identifying number on the written proof of identification required of the consumer or seller; and
4. Information on every item involved in the transaction, including a description of the item, manufacturer, if known, serial number, if any, and amount of the loan or purchase price given for the item.

This law takes effect July 1, 2020.