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**STATE OF MAINE**  
129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL AND SECOND REGULAR SESSIONS



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 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.

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across the State in reducing energy costs, reducing carbon emissions, facilitating the development of renewable energy resources and creating local jobs related to the building of renewable energy facilities and the installation of energy-efficient equipment. It funds the program with the proceeds of bonds, including bonds issued pursuant to Part A, any other funds allocated by the trust and matching funds from participating municipalities.

Parts B and C take effect only if the bond issue under Part A is approved by the voters of the State.

This bill, which had not yet been voted by the committee, was carried over in committee to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

**LD 1224      An Act To Authorize General Fund Bond Issues To Address Changes in      CARRIED OVER**  
**Sea Level, Geospatial Data Acquisition by Communities and the**  
**Increase in Ocean Acidity**

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

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

Part A authorizes the issuance of bonds, in the amount of \$5,000,000, to be used to support improvements to sea level prediction models by providing more detailed mapping of coastal zones and monitoring sea level changes in order to mitigate the impact of and help prepare for rising sea levels.

Part B authorizes the issuance of bonds, in the amount of \$6,000,000, to be used to provide partnership funds and matching grants for geospatial data acquisition to communities that are creating or improving digital parcel maps to accurately identify existing boundaries and land use, identify potential community development areas and protect environmental resources.

Part C authorizes the issuance of bonds, in the amount of \$3,000,000, to be used to collect data, monitor waterways and perform tests related to the known increasing ocean acidity along the Maine coast and its impact on natural wildlife and commercially important species in Maine waters, such as lobsters and clams.

This bill, which had not yet been voted by the committee, was carried over in committee to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

**LD 1315      An Act To Support Medically Monitored Crisis Support and      CARRIED OVER**  
**Intervention**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GATTINE D		

This bill was passed to be enacted by the Legislature and then held by the Governor at the end of the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature. During the Second Regular Session this bill was recalled from the Governor's desk and committed to the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee.

This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to provide for an enhanced crisis stabilization reimbursement rate under the MaineCare program for medically monitored crisis support and intervention provided

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to persons 18 years of age or older with mental health and co-occurring substance use disorders who voluntarily seek treatment.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-351)**

This amendment was the unanimous report of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services in the First Regular Session. This amendment clarifies that the Department of Health and Human Services must, by December 31, 2019, establish a rate under the MaineCare program that is sufficient to provide medically monitored adult crisis support and intervention. This amendment was adopted in the First Regular Session but removed from the bill when it was committed to the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee.

This bill, which had not yet been voted by the committee, was carried over in committee to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

**LD 1333      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Establish a Maine County Correctional Facilities Revolving Construction and Improvement Fund      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STANLEY S		

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

This bill provides for a bond issue, in the amount of \$100,000,000, to fund the construction, repair and upgrading of county correctional facilities. The bill establishes the Maine County Correctional Facilities Revolving Construction and Improvement Fund to receive the bond money and the Maine County Correctional Facilities Construction and Improvement Board to administer the fund. The bill allows money in the fund to be loaned to a county for a project to construct, repair or upgrade a county correctional facility and requires a loan from the fund to be approved at a referendum of the voters of the county where the project is located.

This bill, which had not yet been voted by the committee, was carried over in committee to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

**LD 1453      An Act To Improve Dental Health for Maine Children and Adults with Low Incomes      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GATTINE D BREEN C		

This bill was amended to a resolve and finally passed by the Legislature and then held by the Governor at the end of the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature. During the Second Regular Session, this resolve was recalled from the Governor's desk and committed to the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee.

This bill adds access to comprehensive medically necessary preventive, diagnostic and restorative dental services to the limited dental services currently available to MaineCare members 21 years of age and over. It also establishes a dental incentive payment program for dentists to increase access to dental care for MaineCare members, including