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129TH LEGISLATURE FIRST 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 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 Legislatur	$\cdot e$
CON RES XXX	2S
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	d
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES	d
DIED IN CONCURRENCE defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation die	d
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT action incomplete when session ended; legislation die	d
EMERGENCYenacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment	ıt
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGEemergency failed to receive required 2/3 vot	te
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE failed to receive final majority vot	te
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENTlegislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vot	te
HELD BY GOVERNOR Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent sessio	n
LEAVE TO WITHDRAWsponsor's request to withdraw legislation grante	d
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODYruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation die	
INDEF PPindefinitely postponed; legislation die	d
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation die	
P&S XXXchapter # of enacted private & special law	w
PUBLIC XXX	w
RESOLVE XXX	
VETO SUSTAINEDLegislature failed to override Governor's vet	0

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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

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

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
DEVIN M		
VITELLI E		

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 was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

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

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
STANLEY S		

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. Part B 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 was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

LD 1496 An Act To Protect the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
GATTINE D BREEN C		

Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Under Public Law 2017, chapter 284, Part EEEEEEE, the State Controller is required to transfer up to \$65,000,000 from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund to provide General Fund resources to cover any federal disallowance in federal financial participation for Medicaid services and disproportionate share hospital payments related to the Riverview Psychiatric Center. A payment of \$10,524,817 was made in early 2019. This bill requires instead that the transfer be made from the Tax Relief Fund for Maine Residents and requires the State Controller to reimburse the Rainy Day Fund for the amount transferred for the federal disallowance related to Riverview Psychiatric Center earlier this year. In the event that sufficient funds do not exist in the Tax Relief Fund for Maine Residents to cover future payments, the funds must come from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund with a reimbursement from the Tax Relief Fund for Maine Residents to be made as soon as funds become available.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

LD 1604 An Act To Authorize General Fund Bond Issues To Improve Highways, Bridges and Multimodal Facilities

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)	<u>Committee Report</u>	Amendments Adopted
DIAMOND B		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$100,000,000 in both 2019 and 2020, will be used for reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities or equipment related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, transit and bicycle and pedestrian trails, matching an estimated \$137,000,000 per year in federal and other funds.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

LD 1692 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Training for Mill Workers and Loggers

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
JACKSON T		

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes a General Fund bond issue to fund training for mill workers and loggers.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

LD 1705 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Strengthen the Marine Economy

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
JACKSON T		
HUBBELL B		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used to facilitate the growth of the commercial fishing and aquaculture sectors of the State's marine economy through research and development and workforce development with capital investments awarded after a competitive process administered by the Maine