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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 Labor and Housing

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

LD 1664 An Act To Place Funds for the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program into a Trust

PUBLIC 280

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY N BRYANT M	OTP-AM	S-188

This bill provides that funds held in connection with the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program are held in a trust fund. It renames the Firefighters and Law Enforcement Officers Health Insurance Program Fund the Firefighters and Law Enforcement Officers Health Insurance Program Trust Fund. It directs the Treasurer of State to invest the funds in the Firefighters and Law Enforcement Officers Health Insurance Program Trust Fund in accordance with the state-held trust investment policy of the Treasurer of State.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-188)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment provides that funds held in connection with the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program that are not necessary to support the normal costs and administrative costs of the program are held in a trust fund. It directs the Treasurer of State to invest the funds in the trust fund in accordance with the state-held trust investment policy of the Treasurer of State.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 280 provides that funds held in connection with the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program that are not necessary to support the normal costs and administrative costs of the program are held in a trust fund. It directs the Treasurer of State to invest the funds in the trust fund in accordance with the state-held trust investment policy of the Treasurer of State.

LD 1674 An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program

PUBLIC 446

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY N	OTP-AM ONTP	S-290

This bill makes the following changes to the laws governing the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program.

1. It requires a county or municipality that employs a county or municipal law enforcement officer or municipal firefighter to notify such an employee of the program in writing no later than 60 days following the effective date of hire of that employee. Such an employee must choose in writing whether to enroll in the program. A copy of the form on which an employee chooses to enroll in the program or to not enroll in the program must be retained by the county or municipality.