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129TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES
DIED IN CONCURRENCE defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCYenacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGEemergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENTlegislation 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 WITHDRAWsponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODYruled 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
PUBLIC XXX chapter # of enacted public law
RESOLVE XXX
VETO SUSTAINEDLegislature 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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety

also certified by the Federal Government under federal law;

- 2. Allowing, for the taking of blood and urine samples, the use of specimen collection tubes of the type normally used in such a laboratory; and
- 3. Changing the allocation in the statutes of a provision of law governing the liability of persons who draw blood at the request of a law enforcement officer and making that language consistent with the language in Public Law 2019, chapter 189.

See related bill LD 264.

LD 1677

An Act To Allow Reentry Houses as Part of Supervised Community Confinement

PUBLIC 396

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
FAY J	OTP-AM	H-562

This bill allows the Department of Corrections to contract with private employers for reentry houses for the purpose of providing housing and other assistance to prisoners transferred to supervised community confinement.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-562)

This amendment requires a reentry house to meet all state and local building and life safety codes for the type of building in which the reentry house is located.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 396 allows the Department of Corrections to contract with private employers for reentry houses for the purpose of providing housing and other assistance to prisoners transferred to supervised community confinement. The law requires a reentry house to meet all state and local building and life safety codes for the type of building in which the reentry house is located.

LD 1678 An Act To Authorize the Commissioner of Corrections To Designate Additional Employees of the Department of Corrections To Collect Biological Samples

PUBLIC 369

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
MARTIN T	OTP-AM	H-547

Current law allows for the collection of biological samples that are not blood samples, such as saliva samples, from convicted adults and adjudicated juveniles by various staff of the Department of Corrections, including corrections officers and probation officers and also including other staff if they work at a department facility and are designated by the Commissioner of Corrections and are trained to collect the samples. This bill allows for collection by any staff member of the Department of Corrections who is designated by the commissioner and is trained to collect biological samples, not just a staff member of a facility.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-547)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary