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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.

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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

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

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

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Public Law 2019, chapter 369 allows for collection of biological samples that are not blood samples, such as saliva samples, from convicted adults and adjudicated juveniles 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.

LD 1723 An Act To Allow the Confinement of Female Prisoners at the Long Creek Youth Development Center CARRIED OVER

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

This bill allows female adult prisoners to be confined at the Long Creek Youth Development Center.

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

LD 1724 An Act To Amend the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982 and Related Provisions PUBLIC 370

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DESCHAMBAULT S	OTP-AM ONTP	S-234

This bill amends the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982 and related provisions. The bill:

1. Amends and repeals certain definitions;
2. Adds three positions to the Medical Direction and Practices Board: a pediatric physician, an emergency medical services person licensed to provide basic life support and an emergency medical services person licensed to provide advanced life support;
3. Changes the title "statewide assistant emergency medical services medical director" to "statewide associate emergency medical services medical director";
4. Makes the statewide associate emergency medical services medical director an ex officio member of the Emergency Medical Services Board;
5. Adds a representative in the field of pediatrics to the Emergency Medical Services Board; and
6. Gives the Emergency Medical Services Board the authority to deny or refuse to renew an emergency medical services person license and to revoke a license.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-234)

This amendment replaces the bill and does the following;

1. The amendment amends and repeals certain definitions and changes terminology in the emergency medical services field regarding first responders and paramedics to general terminology that correlates with emergency medical services licensing;
2. The amendment adds three positions to the Medical Direction and Practices Board: a pediatric physician, an