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**STATE OF MAINE**  
129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,  
CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

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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.

*Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

**LD 1691**     **Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control To Work with the Forest Products Industry To Monitor Aerial Herbicide Applications**

**RESOLVE 84**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T	OTP-AM OTP-AM	S-262

This bill prohibits the use of aerial herbicide spraying for the purpose of deforestation.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-262)**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, strikes the bill and replaces it with a resolve. The amendment requires the Board of Pesticides Control within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to work with representatives of the forest products industry over the next several months to monitor aerial applications of herbicides through a neutral third-party entity determined by the board and at the cost of the forest products industry.

The amendment requires the board to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry by February 1, 2020.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2019, chapter 84 requires the Board of Pesticides Control within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to work with representatives of the forest products industry over the next several months to monitor aerial applications of herbicides through a neutral third-party entity determined by the board and at the cost of the forest products industry.

The resolve requires the board to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry by February 1, 2020.

**LD 1699**     **An Act To Make a Technical Correction to the Law Governing Certification of Seed Potatoes**

**PUBLIC 229**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCREA D DILL J	OTP	

This bill amends the laws regarding the certification of seed potatoes to require that a seed potato be post-harvest tested instead of winter tested.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 229 amends the laws regarding the certification of seed potatoes to require that a seed potato be post-harvest tested instead of winter tested.

**LD 1719**     **An Act To Improve Geographic Information System Data Acquisition and Maintenance**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLACK R HICKMAN C	OTP-AM	S-261