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

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NATURAL RESOURCES**

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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 Environment and Natural Resources

10 years of the project's relicensure.

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

LD 1706 An Act To Ensure Public Notification of Air Quality Violations

PUBLIC 321

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLETT R KESSLER C	OTP-AM ONTP	S-189

This bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection to notify an affected municipality when the department issues a notice of violation or initiates an enforcement action relating to an air quality violation.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-189)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, amends the bill as follows.

1. It removes language from the bill requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to notify affected municipalities regarding the department's initiation of an air quality-related enforcement action.
2. It adds language requiring the department to notify affected municipalities regarding the department's receipt of an air quality-related notice of violation from the United States Environmental Protection Agency.
3. It provides that the department may provide the required information to affected municipalities electronically.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 321 requires the Department of Environmental Protection to notify an affected municipality when the department issues a notice of violation or receives an air quality-related notice of violation from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Such notification may be provided electronically.

LD 1707 An Act To Ensure Accuracy and Reliability of Environmental Testing by Requiring Compliance Testing by 3rd-parties

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLETT R KESSLER C	ONTP	

This bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection to include in each license issued by the department a requirement that an independent entity perform testing to determine compliance with the license.

LD 1743 An Act To Reclassify Certain Waters of the State

PUBLIC 333

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ZEIGLER S	OTP-AM	H-462

This bill updates classifications for certain waters based on water quality data.