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129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 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 Environment and Natural Resources*

Public Law 2019, chapter 374 increases the processing fee for a Board of Environmental Protection permit by rule application from \$50 to \$250.

**LD 1786     An Act To Update Maine's Sales Prohibition on Upholstered Furniture Treated with Flame-retardant Chemicals     CARRIED OVER**

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

This bill amends the law restricting the sale of residential upholstered furniture treated with flame-retardant chemicals to align Maine's requirements with standards recently enacted in California. The bill also specifies that the Department of Environmental Protection is authorized, rather than required, to adopt rules to implement the section of law governing residential upholstered furniture.

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

**LD 1789     An Act To Restore the Authority of the Board of Environmental Protection     PUBLIC 315**

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

This bill amends the responsibilities and duties of the Board of Environmental Protection as follows.

1. It moves all rulemaking authority of the Department of Environmental Protection to the board.
2. It adds to the board's enforcement responsibilities the duty to approve administrative consent agreements and to advise the commissioner on enforcement priorities and activities and on the adequacy of penalties and enforcement activities.
3. It includes transition language to provide for the orderly transition of the rulemaking authority and for procedures pending before the department on the effective date of this legislation.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 315 amends the responsibilities and duties of the Board of Environmental Protection as follows.

1. It moves all rulemaking authority of the Department of Environmental Protection to the board.
2. It adds to the board's enforcement responsibilities the duty to approve administrative consent agreements and to advise the commissioner on enforcement priorities and activities and on the adequacy of penalties and enforcement activities.
3. It includes transition language to provide for the orderly transition of the rulemaking authority and for procedures pending before the department on the effective date of the law.