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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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point during the student's course of study.

14. It exempts career and technical education centers that do not collect student tuition for a course of study from surety bond and financial audit requirements.

15. It eliminates the requirement for a special event services permit.

LD 1791 An Act To Amend Licensure for Professional Engineers

PUBLIC 375

Sponsor(s)

STETKIS J

Committee Report

OTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill makes changes to the laws governing licensure for professional engineers and certification for engineer-interns. The bill:

1. Changes the term "technology accreditation commission" to "engineering technology education commission" to reflect current usage;
2. Clarifies language regarding the use of professional engineers in public works projects;
3. Repeals the temporary licensing provisions for nonresidents;
4. Clarifies and updates references to the building standards and eliminates references to standards that have been superseded;
5. Increases the maximum penalty for violations to \$10,000;
6. Clarifies that the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers may refuse to renew a license for failure to pay a required fee or for failure to meet continuing education requirements, which the bill renames professional development requirements;
7. Allows the board to maintain its roster of active licensed professional engineers on its publicly accessible website;
8. Changes the term "certificate of record" to "active national council record" to reflect current usage of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying;
9. Clarifies and updates language regarding education requirements and examinations;
10. Identifies the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying engineering education standard as the standard used by the board when accepting engineering and engineering technology credits from a program not approved by the accreditation board;
11. Eliminates language regarding examinations on fundamental engineering subjects and amends language on passing examination grades and the number of times an examination may be taken by an applicant; and
12. Clarifies language regarding reinstatement of a license after revocation.

Enacted Law Summary

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Public law 2019, chapter 375 amends the laws governing licensure for professional engineers and certification for engineer-interns. The law:

1. Changes the term "technology accreditation commission" to "engineering technology education commission" to reflect current usage;
2. Clarifies language regarding the use of professional engineers in public works projects;
3. Repeals the temporary licensing provisions for nonresidents;
4. Clarifies and updates references to the building standards and eliminates references to standards that have been superseded;
5. Increases the maximum penalty for violations to \$10,000;
6. Clarifies that the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers may refuse to renew a license for failure to pay a required fee or for failure to meet continuing education requirements, which the law renames professional development requirements;
7. Allows the board to maintain its roster of active licensed professional engineers on its publicly accessible website;
8. Changes the term "certificate of record" to "active national council record" to reflect current usage of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying;
9. Clarifies and updates language regarding education requirements and examinations;
10. Identifies the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying engineering education standard as the standard used by the board when accepting engineering and engineering technology credits from a program not approved by the accreditation board;
11. Eliminates language regarding examinations on fundamental engineering subjects and amends language on passing examination grades and the number of times an examination may be taken by an applicant; and
12. Clarifies language regarding reinstatement of a license after revocation.

LD 1810 An Act To Amend the Jurisdiction of Certain Reviews Conducted Pursuant to the State Government Evaluation Act

PUBLIC 378

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

OTP

This bill changes the responsibility for reviews pursuant to the State Government Evaluation Act of boards responsible for the licensing of health care professions from the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business, research and economic development matters to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over professional licensing of health care professions matters.

Enacted Law Summary

Public law 2019, chapter 378 changes the responsibility for reviews pursuant to the State Government Evaluation Act of boards responsible for the licensing of health care professions from the joint standing committee of the