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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.

Section 5 corrects a grammatical error in a statutory provision relating to supervised community confinement.

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

LD 1756	An Act To Improve Public Safety through Coordinated Reentry of Prisoners into the Community	HELD BY GOVERNOR

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
TALBOT ROSS R	OTP-AM	H-580
DESCHAMBAULT S		

This bill requires the Commissioner of Corrections to enter into agreements with other state agencies to ensure that prisoners and juvenile clients receive coordinated assistance with reentry and receive services and benefits upon release into the community. It also authorizes the commissioner to enter into similar agreements with federal agencies and community agencies. Under current law, the amount of time a prisoner must serve prior to being transferred to supervised community confinement is based on the term of imprisonment. The bill removes that distinction. The bill removes a provision of law providing that if the commissioner determines that the average statewide probation case load is no more than 90 probationers to one probation officer, a prisoner may be transferred to supervised community confinement if the prisoner has no more than two years remaining on the term of imprisonment or unsuspended portion of a split sentence. Under current law, the commissioner may transfer any client from one correctional or detention facility or program to another. The bill adds sober houses, transitional housing and reentry programs to the list of such facilities in current law.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-580)

This amendment updates the language in the bill to reflect changes made this session and adds a requirement that the Department of Corrections establish a steering committee focused on assessing and examining the supervised community confinement program and reentry policies, practices and procedures.

LD 1795	An Act To Clarify Requirements for Assisted Living Programs Regarding Fire Safety Inspections	PUBLIC 338

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
GRATWICK G	OTP	

This bill amends the law governing fire safety inspection for assisted living programs to require inspections using the chapter pertaining to the applicable building type of the National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code adopted by the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 338 amends the law governing fire safety inspection for assisted living programs to require inspections using the chapter pertaining to the applicable building type of the National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code adopted by the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal.