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129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL AND SECOND REGULAR SESSIONS



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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maintain a separate storage facility approved by the department in which to store product or from which to conduct delivery service operations and which may be located in the same municipality as the retail facility of the marijuana store or another municipality subject to the approval of the other municipality. Delivery services are subject to the same testing, tracking, labelling and packaging requirements as retail sales of adult use marijuana and marijuana products, delivery service drivers are subject to the same requirements as the employees of a marijuana store, delivery recipients are subject to the same customer restrictions regarding age and state of intoxication as marijuana store customers and delivery service vehicles are subject to the same inspection requirements as the marijuana store's licensed premises and may not have an occupant under 21 years of age during the course of a delivery.

This bill, which had been voted but not yet reported out of committee, was carried over in committee for the second time to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

LD 1797 An Act To Amend the Advance Deposit Wagering Laws

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DILLINGHAMK LUCHINI L	OTP-AM OTP-AM	H-635 S-361 LUCHINI L

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, H.P. 1322.

This bill allows commercial tracks, off-track betting facilities and multijurisdictional account wagering providers to be licensed to participate in advance deposit wagering. It repeals the provision that directs the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board, through a competitive bidding process, to award one bidder the privilege to be licensed to conduct advance deposit wagering. It requires the board to establish by rule the net commission that must be collected by a licensee for distribution by the board.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-635)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. Like the bill, the amendment allows a commercial track, an off-track betting facility and a multijurisdictional account wagering provider to obtain a license to conduct advance deposit wagering. Unlike the bill, which requires the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board to set the tax rate on advance deposit wagering by rule, the amendment requires advance deposit wagering licensees to remit 4% of the licensees' gross advance deposit wagering income to the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board for distribution by the board.

The amendment also requires licensure of employees of advance deposit wagering licensees, makes several technical changes to add clarity to the bill and adds an appropriations and allocations section.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-636)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, is identical to the majority report except that it requires advance deposit wagering licensees to remit 0.5% of the licensees' gross advance deposit wagering income to the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board for distribution by the board and it prohibits an entity that operates advance deposit wagering from receiving a distribution of gross advance deposit wagering income from the board.

This amendment was not adopted.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-361)

This amendment defines "gross advance deposit wagering income" as the total amount of wagers placed by Maine

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residents via advance deposit wagering before payment of money to winning bettors.

This bill was again carried over, still on the Special Appropriations Table, to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

LD 1837 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 1: Adult Use ONTP
Marijuana, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of
Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Marijuana Policy

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This resolve was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

This resolve provides for legislative review of Chapter 1: Adult Use Marijuana, a major substantive rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, office of marijuana policy that was filed outside the legislative rule acceptance period. This resolve was incorporated into LD 719, An Act Regarding Adult Use Marijuana, which was voted by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs during the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature and which was enacted by the Legislature that same session as Public Law 2019, chapter 491.

LD 1867 An Act To Clarify Lobbyist Reporting Requirements and Simplify PUBLIC 587
Registration Requirements for State Employees Who Lobby on Behalf
of a State Department or Agency

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LUCHINIL	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-389
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This bill, submitted by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, makes the following changes to the laws governing lobbyist registration and reporting.

1. It defines "lobbying firm" to mean a partnership, corporation, limited liability company or unincorporated association that employs or contracts with more than one lobbyist or lobbyist associate and that receives or is entitled to receive compensation for engaging in lobbying either directly or through its employees.
2. It changes the deadline for lobbyist registration to 15 business days after the lobbyist engages in more than eight hours of compensated lobbying a month but authorizes lobbyists who register before this date to indicate on the registration form that they have not yet exceeded the eight-hour-per-month threshold for registration.
3. Current law requires a lobbyist to report on the registration form the date that the lobbyist completed the required annual harassment training; the bill permits the lobbyist to instead report the date that the lobbyist requested an extension to complete or an exemption from completing the training requirement under applicable law. The bill also extends the requirement to attend annual harassment training to lobbyist associates.
4. It makes several changes to the requirement that a lobbyist file monthly reports with the commission during the legislative session, including by eliminating the requirement that reports be made under oath; requiring the lobbyist to report not only compensation actually received by the lobbyist but also the compensation received by lobbyist