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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.

Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

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

Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

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.

LD 1821 Resolve, To Address the Population Shortage in Rural Maine

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STEWART T		

This resolve directs the Department of Economic and Community Development to work with the Northern Border Regional Commission in the establishment of a program to recruit working families to relocate to rural areas of the State.

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

LD 1833 An Act Establishing a Review Process for Measures with a Potential Economic Impact and Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development To Develop a Strategic Economic Plan

Died On Adjournment

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

This bill was not referred to committee.

This bill establishes a process in statute by which the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business reviews all legislative measures with potential economic impact. The bill authorizes the committee to report out legislation regarding this provision in the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature. This provision is repealed 90 days following the adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

The bill also directs the Department of Economic and Community Development to develop a strategic plan to recommend strategies for increased economic prosperity in the State. The bill establishes goals for the plan and directs the department to include an analysis of gaps in funding and policy in the plan. The bill requires that the department establish a steering committee and a work team to guide the development of the plan. The bill requires the department to report on the plan to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business and provides the committee permission to report out related legislation in the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

LD 1835 An Act To Authorize Early Payment of Anticipated Funds to the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund

**PUBLIC 356
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T	OTP-AM	S-271

This bill requires the State Tax Assessor, upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development or at the direction of the Governor, to transfer anticipated funds to the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund prior to the July 31, 2019 payment date.