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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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety

LD 1834 **An Act Regarding Prostitution**

PUBLIC 316

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill was reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety pursuant to Joint Order 2019, H.P. 1278 and was not referred back to committee. Under the current law, the crime of engaging in prostitution is a Class E crime, punishable by a fine only; the penalty for a subsequent conviction that occurs within two years of a prior conviction for engaging in prostitution is a Class D crime. This bill changes the penalty for a subsequent conviction of engaging in prostitution that occurs within two years of the first conviction to a Class E crime and specifies that a deferred disposition for subsequent convictions is the preferred disposition.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 316 was reported out by the committee pursuant to Joint Order 2019, H.P. 1278. Under the current law, the crime of engaging in prostitution is a Class E crime, punishable by a fine only; the penalty for a subsequent conviction that occurs within two years of a prior conviction for engaging in prostitution is a Class D crime. This law changes the penalty for a subsequent conviction of engaging in prostitution that occurs within two years of the first conviction to a Class E crime and specifies that a deferred disposition for subsequent convictions is the preferred disposition.

See also LD 974.

This bill was a companion bill to LD 326, which was voted Ought Not to Pass.