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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION,
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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

Committee Amendment "A" (S-271)

This amendment changes the final payment date for which funds may be advanced to July 31, 2020 from July 31, 2019. The amendment adds language clarifying that, upon approval, the assessor is required to both deposit funds into the contingent account and pay those funds into the fund. The amendment also requires approval by the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services for early transfers and payments recommended by the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development. The amendment adds language clarifying that any difference between the amount advanced and the amount finally determined to be due, in the event of an underpayment, must be added to the final payment due by July 31, 2020, or, in the event of an overpayment, must be deducted from the final payment due by July 31, 2021. The amendment repeals the temporary provision on August 1, 2021.

Enacted Law Summary

Public law 2019, chapter 356 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, 2020 payment date. It states that upon approval, the assessor is required to both deposit funds into the contingent account and pay those funds into the fund. It requires approval by the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services for early transfers and payments recommended by the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development. It states that any difference between the amount advanced and the amount finally determined to be due, in the event of an underpayment, must be added to the final payment due by July 31, 2020, or, in the event of an overpayment, must be deducted from the final payment due by July 31, 2021.

Public law 2019, chapter 356 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 18, 2019.

LD 1841

Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation To Create a Working Group To Study Barriers to Credentialing

RESOLVE 79

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This resolve was not referred to committee.

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to create a working group to study credentialing skilled individuals with foreign credentials and those with licenses in other states. The working group consists of eight to ten persons representing licensing boards and professional organizations served by the licensing boards in professions in the State for which there is a need for and an opportunity to credential skilled individuals with foreign credentials and those with out-of-state licenses. The working group is required to submit its report along with any recommendations and suggested legislation to the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation. The commissioner is required to submit the report with any recommendations and suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business. The committee is permitted to report out a bill relating to the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature. In the event the working group or the commissioner requires additional time to complete the work, the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business may extend the reporting deadline.

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