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**STATE OF MAINE**  
129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL AND SECOND REGULAR SESSIONS



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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
LABOR AND HOUSING**

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129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



## 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 129<sup>th</sup> 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 129<sup>th</sup> 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 Labor and Housing

### Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 585 makes the following changes to the laws governing unemployment compensation.

1. It restores language previously in law governing the employer benefit charging model.
2. It provides that the experience rating record of the most recent subject employer may not be charged with benefits paid to a claimant whose work record with that employer totals five or fewer consecutive weeks.
3. It provides that, in the absence of an application for redetermination filed within 30 days after the mailing of notification of benefits paid and chargeable to the employer's experience rating, the notification is conclusive and binding. It requires that any request for reconsideration must be made under the laws governing appeals of determination or assessment.
4. It replaces references to the Unemployment Insurance Commission with references to the Division of Administrative Hearings to conform with changes made in Public Law 2017, chapter 284, Part AAAAA.

Public Law 2019, chapter 585 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 12, 2020.

### **LD 1912**      **An Act To Conform the Maine Apprenticeship Program to the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972**      **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This bill amends the information relating to a request for demographic data that an apprenticeship agreement under the Maine Apprenticeship Program must contain. The bill brings the program into compliance with federal Equal Employment Opportunity Act standards.

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

### **LD 1931**      **An Act To Require Background Investigations for Certain Individuals To Receive Federal Tax Information in Accordance with Federal Standards**      **PUBLIC 644 EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This bill implements background investigations for certain individuals with a business need to receive federal tax information, in order to meet United States Internal Revenue Service standards.

### Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 644 implements background investigations for certain individuals with a business need to receive federal tax information, in order to meet United States Internal Revenue Service standards.

Public Law 2019, chapter 644 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 18, 2020.