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 129^{th} 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	e
CON RES XXX	S
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	d
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES	d
DIED IN CONCURRENCE defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died	d
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT action incomplete when session ended; legislation died	d
EMERGENCYenacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment	t
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGEemergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote	e
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE failed to receive final majority vote	e
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENTlegislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote	e
HELD BY GOVERNOR Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session	i
LEAVE TO WITHDRAWsponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted	d
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODYruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died	
INDEF PP indefinitely postponed; legislation died	d
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died	
P&S XXX	v
PUBLIC XXX	v
RESOLVE XXX	
VETO SUSTAINEDLegislature failed to override Governor's veto	9

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 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Public Law 2019, chapter 637 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 18, 2020.

LD 1920 An Act To Amend Maine's Fish and Wildlife Licensing and Registration Laws

PUBLIC 638

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
NADEAUC	ОТР	

This bill:

- 1. Amends the law governing the complimentary license package for a person who has lost, or who has permanently lost the use of, both lower extremities to provide that such a person may, upon application, at no cost, obtain all hunting, trapping and fishing licenses, including permits, stamps and other permission needed to hunt, trap and fish;
- 2. Provides the commissioner authority to defer a moose permit for one season when a moose permit holder or immediate family member has a significant medical illness; and
- 3. Exempts from the State's lake and river protection sticker requirement New Hampshire watercraft and seaplanes operating on interstate waters between Maine and New Hampshire as long as New Hampshire reciprocates.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 638 amends the law governing the complimentary licenses for a person who has lost, or who has permanently lost the use of, both lower extremities to provide that such a person may, upon application and at no cost, obtain all hunting, trapping and fishing licenses, including permits, stamps and other permission needed to hunt, trap and fish. The law grants the commissioner authority to defer a moose permit for one season when a moose permit holder or immediate family member has a significant medical illness. The law also exempts from the State's lake and river protection sticker requirement New Hampshire watercraft and seaplanes operating on interstate waters between Maine and New Hampshire as long as New Hampshire reciprocates.

LD 1921 An Act To Clarify and Enhance Maine's Fish and Wildlife Laws

PUBLIC 639

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
MARTIN J	OTP-AM	H-721

This bill makes the following changes to the laws governing inland fisheries and wildlife.

- 1. It waives the seven-day notice requirement for meetings of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council in cases of emergency rulemaking.
- 2. It changes the name of the supervisor of an apprentice hunter from a youth hunter supervisor to an apprentice supervisor and changes the name of the supervisor of a junior hunter from an adult supervisor to a junior hunter supervisor.
- 3. It removes two cross-references in the laws governing permits to possess wildlife in captivity.

Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Committee Amendment "A" (H-721)

This amendment changes the term that refers to the person who supervises a junior trapper from "adult trapper supervisor" to "junior trapper supervisor."

The amendment clarifies that a person 16 years of age who obtained a junior trapping license before that person reached 16 years of age must either successfully complete a trapper education course prior to trapping or be supervised by a junior trapper supervisor while trapping after the person turns 16 years of age.

Additionally, the amendment changes a statutory reference to the hunter safety course a junior hunter is required to complete if not supervised by a junior hunter supervisor.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 639 redefines the term that refers to the person who supervises a junior 18 trapper from "adult trapper supervisor" to "junior trapper supervisor." It also clarifies that a person 16 years of age who obtained a junior trapping license before that person reached 16 years of age must either successfully complete a trapper education course prior to trapping or be supervised by a junior trapper supervisor while trapping after the person turns 16 years of age. Additionally, Public Law 2019, chapter 639 changes a statutory reference to the hunter safety course a junior hunter is required to complete if not supervised by a junior hunter supervisor and waives the seven-day notice requirement for meetings of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council in cases of emergency rulemaking.

LD 1932 An Act To Promote Outdoor Recreational Opportunities for Maine Students

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
DUNPHYM		

This bill allows private elementary and secondary schools and public and private postsecondary educational institutions in the State, without a guide license, to conduct camping trips for students and adults associated with those institutions when the leaders hold camp trip leader permits.

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

LD 2001 An Act To Create An Administrative Review Process for Hunting and Fishing Violations

CARRIED OVER

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

This bill establishes a procedure for the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to take administrative action regarding alleged property violations without first requiring criminal conviction or civil adjudication of the allegation. Under this bill, if the director of the Bureau of Warden Service has probable cause to suspect that civil trespass or abuse of another person's property while fishing, hunting or trapping has been committed, the commissioner may:

1. For a first violation, order that the person complete a hunter safety course or other safety course designated by