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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

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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 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 Environment and Natural Resources*

Public Law 2019, chapter 646 amends the State's consumer fireworks laws to provide that the required disclosures to purchasers of consumer fireworks by sellers of consumer fireworks must include guidelines regarding the safe and proper use of consumer fireworks around bodies of water; guidelines regarding the prevention of littering in the use of consumer fireworks; and guidelines regarding the effects from the use of consumer fireworks on wildlife, livestock and domesticated animals.

**LD 1998     An Act To Amend the Waste Motor Oil Disposal Site Remediation Program     CARRIED OVER**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| CARSON B          | OTP-AM<br>ONTP          |                           |

This bill amends the Finance Authority of Maine's waste motor oil disposal site remediation program by directing all remaining funds in the Waste Motor Oil Revenue Fund to the Department of Environmental Protection's Uncontrolled Sites Fund and by repealing the laws governing the program. Except for the premium imposed on the sale or distribution of motor vehicle oil, the laws governing the program are repealed June 30, 2020. The repeal of the premium imposed on the sale or distribution of motor vehicle oil is effective when the legislation is approved. The bill also amends other sections of law by correcting cross-references and making technical changes resulting from the repeal of the laws governing the program.

This bill was carried over to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788. It was carried over as reported out of the committee without having been taken up by the House or the Senate.

**LD 2006     An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Waste Discharge Analysis by Laboratories Operated by Waste Discharge Facilities     PUBLIC 580**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| CARSON B          | OTP                     |                           |

This bill allows a laboratory operated by a licensed waste discharge facility to analyze waste discharges for enterococcus without being certified by the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention for the use of programs of the department or the Department of Environmental Protection.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 580 allows a laboratory operated by a licensed waste discharge facility to analyze waste discharges for enterococcus without being certified by the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention for the use of programs of the department or the Department of Environmental Protection.

**LD 2033     An Act To Ensure Proper Closure of Oil Terminal Facilities     PUBLIC 678**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u>    | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| CARNEY A<br>MILLETTR | OTP-AM<br>ONTP          | H-710                     |

This bill ensures proper closure of oil terminal facilities by establishing financial assurance and facility closure requirements. It develops a process for assessing the costs of decommissioning oil terminal facilities and