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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 Judiciary*

**LD 2038      An Act To Ensure the Safety of State Employees By Allowing Disclosure of Certain Information in Limited Circumstances      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MADIGAN C		

This bill amends the records confidentiality statute within the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act to ensure that information may be disclosed to a social media service when necessary to report, investigate or remove a threat or serious intimidation attempt against an employee of the Department of Health and Human Services, an employee of the Attorney General's Office or an employee of the court.

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

**LD 2039      An Act To Provide for Judicial Review in Compliance with the Federal Legislation Known as the Family First Prevention Services Act      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MADIGAN C	OTP-AM	H-700

In order to claim federal reimbursement for the cost of a child's placement in a residential care facility under the federal legislation known as the Family First Prevention Services Act, this bill adds definitions to the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act and creates a statutory requirement for a court hearing within 60 days of a child's placement in a qualified residential treatment program within a residential care facility. Additionally, this bill ensures that regular reviews of a child's placement in a qualified residential treatment program are conducted by the court.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-700)**

This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This bill was carried over on the Special Appropriations Table to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

**LD 2040      An Act To Eliminate the Requirement That Municipalities Retain Paper Copies of Certain Vital Statistics Records      PUBLIC 611**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BAILEY D	OTP	

This bill eliminates municipal paper record retention requirements for maintaining death disposition permits and requires those permits to be maintained in the electronic death registration system. A copy of a permit must be made available to a member of the public upon a request made to the municipal clerk.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 611 eliminates municipal paper record retention requirements for maintaining death disposition permits and requires those permits to be maintained in the electronic death registration system. A copy