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129TH 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..... 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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety

- D. Failure to obtain a license after establishing residency for more than 90 days;
 - E. With regard to Class A, B and C motor vehicle licenses, operating a vehicle not included in the class of the person's license;
 - F. With regard to suspension of a license or registration, failure of the person to surrender to the Secretary of State every license, registration certificate and registration plate;
 - G. Operating a motor vehicle without proof of financial responsibility;
 - H. With regard to a motor vehicle that is abandoned, removal of the vehicle or any part or accessory thereof without written consent;
 - I. With regard to a motor vehicle illegally abandoned on an island, failure to remove the vehicle within the designated time frame;
 - J. Displaying or possessing a revoked, mutilated, fictitious or fraudulently altered driver's license or identification card;
 - K. Attaching or permitting attachment to a motor vehicle a registration plate assigned to another vehicle or not currently assigned to the vehicle;
 - L. Obscuring identification numbers or letters, the state name, the validation sticker or a mark distinguishing the type of plate attached to the vehicle;
 - M. The use by a school bus operator of flashing lights on the bus other than for the purpose of controlling traffic when stopping to receive or discharge school-age persons; and
 - N. Operating or permitting another person to operate a motor vehicle when the registration has been suspended or revoked; and
2. Designates as a traffic infraction operating a motor vehicle while the person's driver's license is suspended if the person does not have two prior operating while license is suspended or revoked offenses.

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

LD 2044 **An Act To Increase the Death Benefit for Firefighters, Law Enforcement Officers, Emergency Medical Services Personnel and Corrections Officers** **PUBLIC 658
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ACKLEYK	OTP-AM	H-762

This bill increases the death benefit for a law enforcement officer, firefighter or emergency medical services person who has died while in the line of duty from \$50,000 to \$75,000 through June 30, 2021. For deaths occurring after June 30, 2021, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services is required to adopt rules to annually calculate an increase in the death benefit based on the previous year's increase in the Consumer Price Index.

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Committee Amendment "A" (H-762)

This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. It also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill. The amendment extends the death benefit to corrections officers and to emergency medical services personnel who serve in private emergency medical services agencies. The amendment increases the death benefit from \$50,000 to \$100,000 for a law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical services person or corrections officer who dies while in the line of duty prior to July 1, 2021. For deaths occurring on or after July 1, 2021, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services is required to adopt rules to annually calculate an increase in the death benefit based on the previous year's increase in the Consumer Price Index.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 658 extends the death benefit that is available to law enforcement officers, emergency medical services personnel and firefighters to corrections officers and to emergency medical services personnel who serve in private emergency medical services agencies. The law increases the death benefit from \$50,000 to \$100,000 for a law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical services person or corrections officer who dies while in the line of duty prior to July 1, 2021. For deaths occurring on or after July 1, 2021, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services is required to adopt rules to annually calculate an increase in the death benefit based on the previous year's increase in the Consumer Price Index.

Public Law 2019, chapter 658 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 18, 2020.

LD 2050 An Act To Establish the Central Aroostook County Emergency Medical Services Authority P & S 17

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CARPENTER M JOHANSEN C	OTP	

This bill establishes the Central Aroostook County Emergency Medical Services Authority to facilitate the provision of emergency medical services to the citizens of Mars Hill, Bridgewater and Blaine. The bill includes an emergency preamble and an emergency clause.

Enacted Law Summary

Private and Special law 2019, chapter 17 establishes the Central Aroostook County Emergency Medical Services Authority to facilitate the provision of emergency medical services to the citizens of Mars Hill, Bridgewater and Blaine.

Private and Special Law 2019, chapter 17 was enacted as an emergency measure effective February 29, 2019.

LD 2073 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 4: Water-based Fire Protection Systems, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal RESOLVE 133 EMERGENCY

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

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 4: Water-based Fire Protection Systems, a major substantive rule of the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal.