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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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety*

**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.