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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 Health and Human Services*

devices as an evidence-based tobacco cessation strategy and promulgates regulations relating to the manufacture, testing, sale and use of the devices and the federal Secretary of Health and Human Services issues an order authorizing the devices to be introduced or delivered for introduction into interstate commerce;

4. Allows marijuana stores to sell electronic smoking devices after the Department of Administrative and Financial Services adopts rules governing the sale of the devices by a marijuana store. The rules may be adopted only after the federal Secretary of Health and Human Services issues an order authorizing the devices to be introduced or delivered for introduction into interstate commerce; and

5. Prohibits the sale of other new tobacco products until the Department of Health and Human Services adopts rules governing their sale. The rules governing a new tobacco product may be adopted only after the federal Secretary of Health and Human Services issues an order authorizing the new product to be introduced or delivered for introduction into interstate commerce.

**LD 2053     An Act To Remove the Application of the Maine Background Check Center Act to Facilities That Provide Services to Children**

**PUBLIC 660**

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

This bill removes the application of the Maine Background Check Center Act to facilities that provide services for children and to individuals working as direct care workers in such facilities.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 660 removes the application of the Maine Background Check Center Act to facilities that provide services for children and to individuals working as direct care workers in such facilities.

**LD 2054     An Act To Consolidate Certain Reporting Requirements of the Department of Health and Human Services**

**PUBLIC 612**

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

This bill consolidates reporting requirements regarding Department of Health and Human Services planning for and activities concerning the State's aging population and incapacitated and dependent adults and the department's quality assurance review committee's recommendations and activities. It also repeals requirements for annual press releases and reports by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services regarding department spending, welfare fraud-related statistics, contracting services, grants received from the Federal Government and total out-of-state travel costs for employees.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 612 consolidates reporting requirements regarding Department of Health and Human Services planning for and activities concerning the State's aging population and incapacitated and dependent adults and the department's quality assurance review committee's recommendations and activities. It also repeals requirements for annual press releases and reports by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services regarding department spending, welfare fraud-related statistics, contracting services, grants received from the Federal Government and total out-of-state travel costs for employees.