

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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 State and Local Government*

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-378)**

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 569 establishes March as Maine Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and requires the Governor to issue a proclamation inviting and urging the people of the State to observe the month through appropriate activities and to become informed about childhood cancer.

Public Law 2019, chapter 569 was enacted as an emergency measure effective February 25, 2020.

**LD 2055      An Act To Require State Agencies To Use Renewable and Sustainable Energy and Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY N MARTIN D		

This bill requires renewable and sustainable energy use and greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets and timelines to be established for state agencies by February 1, 2021. Solar panels or similar solar technologies must be considered and included as a method to achieve the targets and timelines as appropriate. The bill requires the Governor's Energy Office, the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Efficiency Maine Trust, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the Department of Transportation to work together to establish these targets and timelines and to submit a biennial progress report to the Governor and the Legislature. Each of these offices and departments, and each other state agency, must designate a sustainability coordinator who is responsible to develop and implement the agency's plan to meet or exceed the targets and timelines. State agencies are required to procure environmentally preferable products and services as long as certain conditions are met. State agencies are encouraged to adopt and implement practices to decrease waste in the workplace. State agencies are required to account for climate change when siting or designing new state facilities or other construction projects.

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

**LD 2074      An Act To Update the Mileage Allowance Paid to State Employees Not Subject to a Collective Bargaining Agreement      CARRIED OVER**

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

This bill requires the mileage allowance for state employees, officers and officials not subject to a collective bargaining agreement to be consistent with the rate for employees covered under collective bargaining.

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.