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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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FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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 Veterans and Legal Affairs

bureau does not have a record of a local option election or a county commissioner decision authorizing the issuance of licenses to that type of retail establishment in the municipality or unincorporated place.

Public Law 2019, chapter 672 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 11, 2020.

LD 2125 An Act To Make Amendments to the Laws Governing Marijuana To CARRIED OVER
Increase Consistency and Safety

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

The purpose of this bill is to align the marijuana possession and transfer limitations between the laws governing adult use marijuana and the laws governing marijuana for medical use. This bill removes language in the adult use marijuana laws that authorizes the use, possession, transport, transfer, furnishing or purchase of two and one-half ounces of a combination of marijuana and marijuana concentrate that includes no more than five grams of marijuana concentrate and instead limits the permissible amount to two and one-half ounces of marijuana.

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

LD 2131 An Act To Correct Errors, Inconsistencies and Conflicts in and to Revise CARRIED OVER
the State's Liquor Laws

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

This bill was reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs pursuant to Resolve 2019, chapter 15, section 3. The bill changes the headnote of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17, section 2003-A to clarify that this section of law prohibits public drinking.

The bill also makes a number of changes to Title 28-A, the State's liquor laws, to standardize the language used in those laws, to correct errors, conflicts, ambiguities, omissions and inconsistencies in those laws and to revise those laws, including by making the following changes.

1. It makes a number of changes to address ambiguities, inconsistencies and conflicts in the laws governing certificates of approval, including the following.
 - A. It restructures the definition of "certificate of approval holder," a term that includes persons with certificates of approval as well as persons with in-state manufacturing licenses, to add clarity and ensure the defined term is used correctly throughout the Title.
 - B. It resolves a conflict in the law by removing in-state manufacturers, that receive licenses, from a provision requiring persons engaged in certain activities to obtain certificates of approval.
 - C. It changes from a certificate of approval to a license the type of authority that a person that operates a special warehouse storage facility must obtain because the laws specific to certificate of approval holders generally do not apply to special warehouse storage facilities. It further clarifies which laws are applicable to licensed special warehouse storage facilities.