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STATE OF MAINE
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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Part BB requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend the Office of Elder Services Policy Manual to increase the number of reimbursable medication passes per consumer per day.

Part CC transfers an additional \$2,036,206 to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services in fiscal year 2019-20.

Part DD transfers funds from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances - General Fund account to the Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund account to fund a Personal Services shortfall in fiscal year 2019-20.

Part EE reduces certain unemployment insurance trust fund contributions for employers by a percentage used to calculate the Unemployment Administrative Fund assessment.

Part FF establishes the Unemployment Program Administrative Fund.

Part GG authorizes the use of unemployment insurance modernization funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and Section 903(f) of the federal Social Security Act for the purposes of operating the State's unemployment compensation and public employment systems.

Parts HH, II, JJ and KK are intentionally left blank.

Part LL This Part amends the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program.

Public Law 2019, chapter 616 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 18, 2020.

LD 2134

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Infrastructure To Improve Transportation and Internet Connections

PUBLIC 673

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2134

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PUBLIC 673

The funds provided by the bond issue under Part A, in the amount of \$105,000,000, will be used for improvement of highways and bridges statewide and for multimodal facilities or equipment related to transit, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, ports, harbors, marine transportation and active transportation projects, to be matched by an estimated \$275,000,000 in federal and other funds.

The funds provided by the bond issue under Part B, in the amount of \$15,000,000, will be used for investments in high-speed internet infrastructure for unserved and underserved areas, to be matched by up to \$30,000,000 in federal, private, local or other funds.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-769)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, incorporates a fiscal note.

Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Committee Amendment "B" (H-770)

This amendment, which is one of two minority reports of the committee, eliminates from the bill the proposed \$15,000,000 bond issue to invest in high-speed internet infrastructure.

Committee Amendment "C" (H-771)

This amendment, which is one of two minority reports of the committee, eliminates from the bill the proposed \$15,000,000 bond issue for multimodal facilities or equipment related to transit, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, ports, harbors, marine transportation and active transportation projects and eliminates the proposed \$15,000,000 bond issue to invest in high-speed internet infrastructure.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-449)

This amendment changes the date of the referenda from November 2020 to June 2020.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 673 does the following:

Part A provides funds, in the amount of \$105,000,000, to be used for improvement of highways and bridges statewide and for multimodal facilities or equipment related to transit, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, ports, harbors, marine transportation and active transportation projects, to be matched by an estimated \$275,000,000 in federal and other funds.

Part B provides funds, in the amount of \$15,000,000, to be used for investments in high-speed internet infrastructure for unserved and underserved areas, to be matched by up to \$30,000,000 in federal, private, local or other funds.

LD 2163 An Act To Address Funding Needs Related to COVID-19

**PUBLIC 618
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

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Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill was not referred to committee.

This bill authorizes transfers from the Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital to a COVID-19 response fund in order to address funding needs associated with COVID-19 through January 15, 2021.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019 chapter 618 authorizes transfers from the Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital to a COVID-19 response fund in order to address funding needs associated with COVID-19 through January 15, 2021.

Public Law 2019, chapter 618 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 18, 2020.