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Bill Summaries

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on
Insurance and Financial Services

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Summary of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is arranged alphabetically by committee name and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla/billsumm.htm).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

CON RES XXX .... Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE .... Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES .... House & Senate disagree; bill died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE .... One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT .... Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
EMERGENCY .... Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE .... Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE .... Bill failed to get majority vote
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT .... Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY .... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
INDEF PP .... Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP .... Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP-ND .... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
P&S XXX .... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PASSED .... Joint Order passed in both bodies
PUBLIC XXX .... Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX .... Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED (Pocket Veto) .... Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED .... Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 23, 2006.

LD 2014   **An Act Protecting Youth from Losing Health Insurance Coverage**   **PUBLIC 532**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
MAYO	OTP-AM	S-512
PERRY A		

LD 2014 proposed to require health insurance carriers to continue coverage for dependent children up to 24 years of age who are unable to maintain enrollment in college due to mental or physical illness if the carrier would otherwise terminate coverage under a policy due to a requirement that dependent children of a specified age be enrolled in college to maintain eligibility.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-512) replaced the bill. The amendment proposed to require health insurance carriers that provide coverage to dependent children at certain ages only if the children are students to continue coverage for a student who is unable to remain in school on a full-time basis due to a mental or physical illness or accidental injury. The amendment proposed to permit carriers to require the student to provide written documentation from a health care provider and the student's school that the student is no longer enrolled in school full-time due to a mental or physical illness or accidental injury.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 532 requires individual and group health insurers that provide coverage to dependent children at certain ages only if the children are students to continue coverage for a student who is unable to remain in school on a full-time basis due to a mental or physical illness or accidental injury. The law permits insurers to require the student to provide written documentation from a health care provider and the student's school that the student is no longer enrolled in school full-time due to a mental or physical illness or accidental injury.

LD 2017   **An Act To Amend the Notice of Risk to Personal Data Act**   **PUBLIC 583**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report		Amendments Adopted
	OTP-AM	MAJ	H-925
	ONTP	MIN	

LD 2017 proposed to expand to other types of persons and businesses, including colleges and universities, the current requirement that information brokers notify consumers upon a security breach of the consumers' personal information. The bill also would establish a private cause of action for certain violations of the obligation to notify consumers.

The bill also proposed to require the State's Chief Information Officer to develop standards and policies requiring notification by state agencies to Maine residents upon a security breach of personal information.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-925) is the majority report of the committee. The amendment proposed to make the following changes to the bill.

1. It removes the section that permits persons to bring a private cause of action for violations of the notice provisions.