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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* summarizes all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 125th 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. The appendices include a summary of relevant session statistics, an index of all bills by LD number and an index of enacted laws by law type and chapter number.

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 125th Legislature is September 28, 2011. 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 Insurance and Financial Services

LD 440 **An Act To Allow Employees of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics to Join the State's Group Health Plan**

**PUBLIC 67
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
AYOTTE SHERMAN	OTP-AM	H-83

This bill makes employees of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics eligible for the State's group health plan.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-83)

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

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 67 makes employees of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics eligible for the State's group health plan.

Public Law 2011, chapter 67 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 9, 2011.

LD 455 **Resolve, Directing the Superintendent of Insurance To Form a Compact with Other State Commissioners of Insurance on the Purchase of Insurance out of State**

ONTP

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

This resolve directs the Superintendent of Insurance to meet with the commissioners of insurance of the State of Connecticut, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the State of New Hampshire, the State of Rhode Island and the State of Vermont to develop a plan to form an interstate compact regarding the purchase of insurance from other states. The commissioner is required to report by January 12, 2012 to the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services, which may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

While LD 455 was voted "Ought Not to Pass", a related substantive provision permitting insurers authorized to transact individual health insurance in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire or Rhode Island to offer health plans in Maine under certain conditions was included in LD 1333, An Act to Modify Rating Practices for Individual and Small Group Health Plans and to Encourage Value-based Purchasing of Health Care Services. See LD 1333, which was enacted as Public Law 2011, chapter 90.