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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 125<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. 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 125<sup>th</sup> 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 Health and Human Services**

**LD 831      Resolve, To Protect the State from Accumulating Future Hospital Debt**

**DIED ON  
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CUSHING COURTNEY	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-581

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to use current hospital cost reports to calculate amounts owed to hospitals and pay any amounts due within one year of receiving the reports. This resolve died on adjournment on the appropriations table.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-581)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. This amendment changes the bill to a resolve and requires the Department of Health and Human Services to use current hospital cost reports to calculate amounts owed to hospitals and to pay any amounts due within one year of receiving the reports. It also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**LD 859      Resolve, To Convene a Task Force To Study Cost-effective Ways of  
Dealing with an Increased Population of Those Affected by Alzheimer's  
Disease**

**RESOLVE 58**

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

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to convene a task force to review Alzheimer's disease-related issues in health care and to develop cost-effective ways of dealing with an estimated 50% increase in the number of patients with Alzheimer's disease in the next 15 years. The commissioner is required to report the findings of the task force along with any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2011, chapter 58 directs the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to convene a task force to review Alzheimer's disease-related issues in health care and to develop cost-effective ways of dealing with an estimated 50% increase in the number of patients with Alzheimer's disease in the next 15 years. The commissioner is required to report the findings of the task force along with any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.