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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* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 127th 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 127th Legislature is October 15, 2015. 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

- 4. It eliminates what a discharge plan must include and defers to the hospital's established policy.
- 5. It eliminates the instruction requirements.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-433)

This amendment, which is the minority report, makes the following changes to section 6 of the bill.

- 1. It adds a definition of "hospital" establishing that the provisions apply only to hospitals that receive money under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 855 provided to Medicaid recipients under the provisions of the United States Social Security Act, Title XIX and successors to it and related rules of the State's Department of Health and Human Services.
- 2. It eliminates the definition of "entry."
- 3. It eliminates the requirement that the designation of a caregiver needs to be made within the first 24 hours.
- 4. It changes the notice requirements to caregivers from a requirement to notify to a requirement to make reasonable efforts to notify.
- 5. It eliminates what a discharge plan must include and defers to the hospital's established policy.
- 6. It eliminates the instruction requirements.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 370 allows a patient admitted to a hospital to designate a lay caregiver, who may provide aftercare for the patient and whose identifying information must be entered into the patient's medical records at the hospital. If the patient or patient's legal guardian provides written consent to release medical information to the designated lay caregiver, the hospital is required to make reasonable efforts to notify the lay caregiver prior to the patient's being discharged or transferred and consult with the lay caregiver as to the patient's discharge plan.

LD 667

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Educate the Public and Department Clients about How To Protect One's Family from Bisphenol A

ONTP

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

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to update the information it provides on the page on its publicly accessible website entitled "How to Protect Your Family from BPA (Bisphenol A)" to reflect the latest scientific findings and to develop educational outreach materials and a plan to educate members of the public at greatest risk from bisphenol A, including participants in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children of the federal Child Nutrition Act of 1966.