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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 Second 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 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 July 29, 2016. 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 1412 An Act To Fund a Training Partnership between Riverview Psychiatric Center and the University of Maine at Augusta Died On Adjournment

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
EVES M KATZ R	OTP-AM	H-332

This bill was reported out of committee in the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature and then carried over on the Special Appropriations Table.

This bill provides a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$500,000 in fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17 for Riverview Psychiatric Center to contract with the University of Maine at Augusta to provide training and educational opportunities for its staff.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-332)

This amendment changes the appropriation in the bill for Riverview Psychiatric Center in both fiscal years from \$500,000 to \$250,000.

LD 1465 Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Conduct a Study of Ambulance Services RESOLVE 87

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAJOIE M BAKER L	OTP-AM	H-547 S-496 HAMPER J

This bill changes the law to ensure that MaineCare reimbursement for ambulance services is not less than the average Medicare allowable rate.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-547)

This amendment replaces the bill and increases the reimbursement rate for ambulance services under MaineCare from the current no less than 65% of the average allowable reimbursement rate under Medicare for such services to no less than 70%, rather than to the Medicare rate as in the bill. This amendment also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to contract with a third-party consultant to conduct a rate study on ambulance services. The rate study must include the feasibility of developing community paramedicine reimbursement rates. The Department of Health and Human Services is required to submit a report on developing a reimbursement rate for community paramedicine programs to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than January 1, 2017. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-496)

This amendment amends Committee Amendment "A," changes the title and makes the bill a resolve. The amendment removes the requirement that the Department of Health and Human Services increase the reimbursement rate for ambulance services under MaineCare to no less than 70% and removes the funding related to that increase.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2015, chapter 87 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to contract with a third-party consultant to conduct a rate study on Medicaid rates for ambulance services. The rate study must include the

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feasibility of developing community paramedicine reimbursement rates. The Department of Health and Human Services is required to submit a report on progress on developing a reimbursement rate for community paramedicine programs to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than January 1, 2017.

LD 1470 An Act To Amend Maine's Death Certificate Disclosure Law

PUBLIC 393

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY N MAREAN D	OTP-AM	S-358

This bill allows the sole living parent of a minor to obtain a certified or noncertified copy of the death certificate of the minor's deceased parent.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-358)

This committee amendment establishes that certified or noncertified copies of the death certificate of a minor's parent may not be made available to that minor's living parent if that parent's parental rights with respect to that minor have been terminated. It also specifies that "parent" with respect to this provision has the same meaning as in the Maine Parentage Act.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 393 allows the living parent of a minor to obtain a certified or noncertified copy of the death certificate of the minor's deceased parent, but establishes that these documents may not be made available to that minor's living parent if that parent's parental rights with respect to that minor have been terminated.

LD 1472 Resolve, To Enhance the Administration of the Child and Adult Care Food Program by Creating Clear Guidelines for Organizations and Streamlining the Application Process

Veto Sustained

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ALFOND J GATTINE A	OTP-AM ONTP	S-411 S-445 ALFOND J

This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to review the application and reapplication procedures and forms required for an organization to apply to participate in the federal Child and Adult Care Food Program, and it directs the department to streamline the application and reapplication forms; provide access to the forms through the department's publicly accessible website; and enable online completion and submission of all forms required for an organization to participate in the program, including but not limited to the application and reapplication forms.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-411)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, adds an appropriations and allocations section to the resolve.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-445)

This amendment requires that the forms for an organization to apply to participate in the federal Child and Adult Care Food Program be made available on the Department of Health and Human Services' publicly accessible website no later than August 1, 2017.