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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 128th 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 128th Legislature is Wednesday, November 1, 2017. 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

step-down facility." It authorizes the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to maintain and operate the 21-bed forensic step-down facility. It provides that the facility must be licensed and that the Department of Health and Human Services must adopt rules that apply specifically to the licensure of a forensic step-down facility and that include the admission and discharge standards of the facility, the staffing model, security, patients' access to treatment and patient rights protections. It requires that the department provisionally adopt rules to implement the licensure of the forensic step-down facility no later than January 12, 2018. It creates an advisory committee to participate in and guide the planning process for the facility and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. It authorizes the committee to report out a bill based on the advisory committee's report. It requires the department to report to the committee on the progress of creating the facility and developing rules. It provides that the transfer of any forensic patients into the forensic step-down facility must be approved by a court of appropriate jurisdiction. It includes the forensic step-down facility in Title 34-B, chapter 1 as a "state institution." This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

LD 166 An Act To Increase Reimbursement for Child Care Services

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY N HANDY J		

This bill repeals unallocated language in Public Law 2011, chapter 380, Part UU that set the child care subsidy payment rates of the Department of Health and Human Services at the 50th percentile of local market rates. This bill increases the payment rates to the 75th percentile of local market rates for payments the department makes on behalf of recipients of benefits under the child care subsidy program, recipients of benefits under TANF and recipients of benefits under ASPIRE-TANF.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

LD 183 An Act Requiring the Use of the Electronic Death Registration System

PUBLIC 37

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VACHON K CUSHING A	OTP-AM	H-20

This bill requires that, except for certificates filed by family members and domestic partners of the deceased, a certificate of death be filed using the electronic death registration system maintained by the State Registrar of Vital Statistics.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-20)

This amendment clarifies that a person authorized to complete or file a certificate of death, except for a certificate filed by a family member or domestic partner of the deceased, must use the electronic death registration system maintained by the State Registrar of Vital Statistics. This amendment also adds an effective date.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 37 requires a person authorized to complete or file a certificate of death, except for a certificate filed by a family member or domestic partner of the deceased, to use the electronic death registration system maintained by the State Registrar of Vital Statistics.