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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

LD 455 An Act Relating to the Provision of Nicotine Replacement Products by Pharmacists

PUBLIC 185

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHACE P BELLOWS S	OTP-AM	H-204

This bill amends the laws governing the practice of pharmacy to expressly include tobacco cessation counseling services and the furnishing of nicotine replacement products approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration. It also requires pharmacists to be reimbursed by the MaineCare program for these services. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules by January 1, 2018, for the reimbursement of pharmacists for counseling services. It also requires the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules by January 1, 2018, in consultation with the Board of Licensure in Medicine for the provision of tobacco cessation counseling services by pharmacists and the furnishing by pharmacists of nicotine replacement products that are approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-204)

This amendment, like the bill, amends the definition of "practice of pharmacy." The bill changes the definition to include counseling related to tobacco cessation products. The amendment strikes that change and instead includes the ordering and dispensing of over-the-counter nicotine replacement products as part of the definition. It removes from the bill the provisions regarding reimbursement and rulemaking.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 185 amends the definition of "practice of pharmacy" to include counseling the ordering and dispensing of over-the-counter nicotine replacement products.

LD 458 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 97, Private Non-Medical Institution Services, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services

**RESOLVE 6
EMERGENCY**

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

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 97, Private Non-Medical Institution Services, a major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services that was filed outside the legislative rule acceptance period.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2017, chapter 6 provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 97, Private Non-Medical Institution Services, a major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services that was filed outside the legislative rule acceptance period.

Resolve 2017, chapter 6 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 19, 2017.