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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

This resolve requires the Maine Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules to allow a nongovernmental organization in the State to coordinate both the donation of unused prescription drugs by nursing homes, hospitals, wholesalers and other institutional pharmacies and the subsequent redispensing of these prescription drugs at no cost to low-income residents of the State.

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

LD 1291 An Act To Increase Affordability of and Access to Heat Pumps for ONTP
Maine Homeowners

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to use unallocated funds from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program to increase affordability of and access to heat pumps for Maine homeowners.

LD 1300 An Act To Require a Prescription for a Medication That Contains ONTP
Certain Substances That May Be Used To Make Methamphetamine

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COOPER J	ONTP	

This bill requires a prescription to possess any amount of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine. It removes references to ephedrine and pseudoephedrine from the laws governing over-the-counter sales of methamphetamine precursors.

LD 1301 An Act To Improve Access to Preventive, Cost-saving Dental Services CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN J KATZ R	OTP-AM ONTP	H-248

This bill requires that, beginning October 1, 2017, MaineCare coverage for adult dental services include an annual comprehensive oral examination and preventive services, including prophylaxis, topical fluoride, sealants, oral hygiene instruction, behavior management and smoking cessation counseling.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-248)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It makes consistent the dates by which the Department of Health and Human Services is to notify providers of the scope of dental benefits covered by the MaineCare program. It moves the directive to the department to adopt rules relating to coverage of adult preventive dental services and the designation of those rules as routine technical rules to allocated language. This amendment also provides funding for increased MaineCare coverage required by the bill.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to the next special or regular session of the 128th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, S.P. 601.