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128th Legislature

FIRST SPECIAL, SECOND REGULAR AND SECOND SPECIAL SESSIONS



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* contain summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Special, Second Regular and Second Special Sessions 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
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES
DIED IN CONCURRENCE defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCYenacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGEemergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENTlegislation 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 WITHDRAWsponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODYruled 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
PUBLIC XXX chapter # of enacted public law
RESOLVE XXX
VETO SUSTAINEDLegislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective dates for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special, Second Regular or Second Special Sessions of the 128th Legislature are: Monday, February 5, 2018; Wednesday, August 1, 2018; and Thursday, December 13, 2018, respectively. 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

residents of the State.

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

Died On Adjournment

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

This bill was reported out of committee in the First Regular Session and then carried over to the Second Regular Session on the Special Appropriations Table. This bill was again carried over, still on the Special Appropriations Table, from the Second Regular Session to the next special session by joint order S.P. 748.

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.

LD 1314

Resolve, To Improve Access to Neurobehavioral Services

Died On Adjournment

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
MALABY R	OTP-AM	H-202

This resolve was reported out of committee in the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature and then carried over to the Second Regular Session on the Special Appropriations Table. This resolve was again carried over, still on the Special Appropriations Table, from the Second Regular Session to the next special session by joint order S.P. 748.

This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide by September 1, 2018, 16 new neurobehavioral beds in one or more neurobehavioral centers to serve individuals with significant behavioral challenges and complex medical needs who need short-term evaluation and treatment before transitioning to a long-term care environment either in the community or a long-term care facility.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-202)

This amendment delays the date by which neurobehavioral beds must be provided from September 1, 2018, to July 1, 2019. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide beds in two or more different centers rather than one or more centers as in the resolve. It restricts the population served to individuals with neurobehavioral issues or dementia and accompanying behavioral issues and removes individuals with brain injury, intellectual disabilities or autism.