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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* 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..... *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 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

law. A veterinarian who dispenses a benzodiazepine or an opioid medication is required to check prescription monitoring information except when the veterinarian is operating in mobile or emergency circumstances or is dispensing less than 48 hours of medication.

2. It extends the waiver on electronic prescribing of opioids until July 1, 2022, unless an electronic platform becomes available earlier as determined by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services. It also includes benzodiazepines under the waiver. After electronic prescribing becomes required, veterinarians may apply for a waiver from the Commissioner of Health and Human Services.

3. It broadens the content of continuing education requirements to include administration and management of opioid medications as well as prescription of opioid medications. It reduces the number of hours required from three hours every two years to one hour every two years. It allows the State Board of Veterinary Medicine to adopt rules rather than requiring rulemaking.

LD 1737

An Act To Preserve Medication Management for Persons with Mental Health Needs

**Died On
Adjournment**

Sponsor(s)

BREEN C
DENNO D

Committee Report

OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted

S-379

This bill was carried over on the Special Appropriations Table from the Second Regular Session to the next special session by joint order S.P. 748.

This bill provides funding for a 25% rate increase for the medication management services provided under the Department of Health and Human Services rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-379)

This amendment decreases the rate increase proposed in the bill from 25% to 15% and provides funding for a 15% rate increase for the medication management services provided under the Department of Health and Human Services rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services.

The substance of this bill was incorporated in Public Law 2017, chapter 460.

LD 1742

Resolve, To Support Vulnerable Seniors by Funding Assisted Living Programs

**Died On
Adjournment**

Sponsor(s)

DILL J
FREDETTE K

Committee Report

OTP-AM
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

S-364

This resolve was carried over on the Special Appropriations Table from the Second Regular Session to the next special session by joint order S.P. 748.

This resolve provides increased funding for the provision of assisted living services at facilities currently operating at a loss, including, but not limited to, facilities in Bangor, Millinocket, Camden and Sanford. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a review of possible ways to stabilize funding for affordable assisted living facilities that contract with the office of aging and disability services within the Department of