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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

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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 129th 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 129th Legislature is Thursday, September 19, 2019. 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 Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

LD 51 **An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force on Health Care Coverage for All of Maine** **CARRIED OVER**

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

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

This bill proposes to implement the recommendations of the Task Force on Health Care Coverage for All of Maine.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

LD 52 **An Act To Provide an Affordable and Accessible Health Care System for all Residents of Maine** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GRATWICK G HYMANSON P	ONTP	

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

This bill proposes to establish a health care system in the State that will be simple and efficient for all consumers and providers. The bill proposes to provide all Maine residents with access to an affordable health benefit plan covering essential health benefits. The bill proposes to create the Health Care Trust, which will have authority to determine essential health care benefits, to negotiate with providers, to reimburse providers for the costs of providing care at negotiated rates and to manage the financing mechanisms for the trust. All Maine residents will be eligible to enroll in the trust on a voluntary basis. Those residents currently eligible for MaineCare or other public coverage will be automatically enrolled; MaineCare and other public coverage programs will be replaced by the trust's health care coverage. The Health Care Trust will be administered by a health care administrator and overseen by a board of trustees. In addition, a stakeholder advisory board will provide input and guidance for the trust.

The bill proposes to use several funding sources to pay for the costs of the trust and for coverage of all Maine residents enrolled in the trust for coverage, including payroll taxes, transaction taxes and available federal funding.

See related bills, LD 1611 and LD 1617.

LD 66 **An Act To Prohibit Hospitals from Discussing Alternative Payment Options with Hospitalized Patients** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAWRENCE M MEYER M	ONTP	

This bill prohibits a hospital from communicating with a patient regarding alternative payment options at any time during a patient's hospitalization unless that communication is requested by the patient. The bill permits communication with a patient prior to or upon the patient's admission to the hospital or at the time of discharge.