

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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ON  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees**  
**August 1999**

We are pleased to provide this summary of all bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select Committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet ([www.state.me.us/legis/opla](http://www.state.me.us/legis/opla)).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

*CARRIED OVER*.....Bill carried over to Second Regular Session  
*CON RES XXX*..... Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses  
*CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*.....Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died  
*DIED BETWEEN BODIES*.....House & Senate disagree; bill died  
*DIED IN CONCURRENCE*..... One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill  
*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*.....Action incomplete when session ended; bill died  
*EMERGENCY*..... Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days  
*ENACTMENT FAILED*..... Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage  
*NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY*..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died  
*INDEF PP*.....Bill Indefinitely Postponed  
*ONTP*..... Ought Not To Pass report accepted  
*OTP ND*..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft  
*OTP ND/NT*..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title  
*P&S XXX*..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law  
*PUBLIC XXX*..... Chapter # of enacted Public Law  
*RESOLVE XXX*..... Chapter # of finally passed Resolve  
*UNSIGNED*.....Bill held by Governor  
*VETO SUSTAINED*.....Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999.

LD 1511 proposed to provide that any performance-based contract between the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services and its providers may be renewed without subjecting the renewal to the request-for-proposal procedure.

**LD 1515**                    **An Act to Prohibit Certain Practices in the Advertising and Sale of Tobacco Products**                    **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MILLS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1515 proposed to prohibit the use of coupons for distribution of cigarettes, tobacco products, prizes or premiums and outdoor advertising and sponsorship of instate public events with regard to cigarettes and other tobacco products.

**LD 1525**                    **An Act to Improve Medical Support for Children**                    **INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> FULLER		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1525 proposed to enact procedures and methodologies for the Department of Human Services to maximize the use of available medical coverage, enhance the federal mandate that Medicaid be the payer of last resort and require pertinent organizations or insurers to electronically identify in a manner requested by the department former or current Medicaid recipients who have health insurance coverage.

This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Human Services.

**LD 1533**                    **An Act to Preserve the Medicaid Home Health Benefit**                    **PUBLIC 329**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> FULLER HARRIMAN		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1533 proposed to designate rules regarding access to home health care under the Medicaid program as major substantive rules.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 329 designates rules regarding access to home health care under the Medicaid program as major substantive rules.