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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
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Summary of Legislation Considered by the Joint Standing Committees
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Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 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. A subject index for each committee is included immediately before the bill summaries for that committee, and a numerical index by LD number is included 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).

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
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Bill failed to get majority vote
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT..... Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
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 June 29, 2005; and for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session is September 17, 2005.

Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

LD 1541 proposed to limit the pricing information that a manufacturer must report to the Department of Health and Human Services to average manufacturer price and best price as defined by federal law. It proposed to eliminate the instructions on calculating other pharmaceutical pricing information and the requirement to describe the methodology for calculating pricing information that is reported to the department and modify the certification provisions and strengthens the confidentiality protection afforded to the reported information.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 402 clarifies details of the reporting of prescription drug pricing, including the methodology of pricing and certification requirements. It maintains current law on confidentiality, extending confidentiality explicitly to information disclosed to an entity under contract to the Department of Health and Human Services and restricting use of disclosed information to the purposes for which it was disclosed. It directs the department to adopt routine technical rules to implement actual price disclosure and certification.

Public Law 2005, chapter 402 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 17, 2005.

LD 1554

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Delivery of Services to Maine Citizens with Brain Injuries

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
LERMAN
MAYO

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1554 proposed to create the Commission to Study the Delivery of Services to Maine Citizens with Brain Injuries and proposed to require the commission to submit its report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by December 7, 2005.

LD 1555

An Act To Improve Quality, Effectiveness and Efficiency in the Department of Health and Human Services

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)
LERMAN
NASS R

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 1555 proposed to address the following issues in the field of community-based services for persons with developmental disabilities and mental retardation: reimbursement, audit and appeal procedures, rules, regulations and administrative requirements, standardized data, contract formats and financial reports, medication courses, deemed status licensure, maintenance of the Child Development Services System, gastrostomy tubes, rules regarding residential options, advocacy regarding federal legislation, cost-of-living adjustments and Dirigo Health insurance.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.