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Bill Summaries

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Summary of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 arranged alphabetically by committee name 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/billsumm.htm).

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:

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
P&S XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PASSED.....	Joint Order passed in both bodies
PUBLIC XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX.....	Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED (Pocket Veto).....	Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED.....	Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 23, 2006.

Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

LD 2097

An Act To Facilitate the Maine Quality Forum

PUBLIC 615

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MILLER MAYO	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-1077
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LD 2097 proposed to make health information networks eligible to apply for Maine Health and Higher Education Facilities Authority Act bonding. It also proposed a limited public records exception for practitioner-specific data used or maintained by the Maine Quality Forum, which would keep the data confidential until it was determined to be complete and accurate.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-1077) proposed to remove the portion of the bill that would make health information networks eligible to apply for Maine Health and Higher Education Facilities Authority Act bonding.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 615 allows a limited public records exception for practitioner-specific data used or maintained by the Maine Quality Forum. It keeps the data confidential until it is determined to be complete and accurate by the director of the Maine Quality Forum, at which time the data becomes available for public inspection.

LD 2106

An Act To Address Potential Shortages of Influenza Immunizing Agents in Maine

**PUBLIC 628
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2106 proposed to require influenza vaccine manufacturers and distributors to report information on the distribution of flu vaccines within the state to the Department of Health and Human Services. It proposed a public records exception, which would make the information reported to the department confidential. It proposed to allow the department to release the information to certain entities under certain circumstances to facilitate access to the vaccines by Maine residents.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 628 requires influenza vaccine manufacturers and distributors to report information on the distribution of flu vaccines within the state to the Department of Health and Human Services. It provides a public records exception, which makes the information reported to the department confidential. It allows the department to release the information to certain entities under certain circumstances to facilitate access to the vaccines by Maine residents.

Public Law 2005, chapter 628 was enacted as an emergency effective May 4, 2006.