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STATE OF MAINE
123RD LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed
during the Second Regular or First Special Sessions of the 123rd Maine
Legislature coming from the

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**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND
ENACTED LAWS**

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all bills and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the Second Regular or First Special Sessions of the 123rd Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee, and within each committee by LD number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. The appendices include a summary of relevant session statistics, an index of all bills by LD number and an index of enacted laws by law type and chapter number.

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:

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| <i>CON RES XXX</i> | <i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i> |
| <i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i> | <i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i> |
| <i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i> | <i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i> |
| <i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i> | <i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i> |
| <i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i> | <i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i> |
| <i>EMERGENCY</i> | <i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i> |
| <i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> | <i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i> |
| <i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> | <i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i> |
| <i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i> | <i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i> |
| <i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i> | <i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i> |
| <i>INDEF PP</i> | <i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed; bill died</i> |
| <i>ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report)</i> | <i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted; bill died</i> |
| <i>P&S XXX</i> | <i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i> |
| <i>PUBLIC XXX</i> | <i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i> |
| <i>RESOLVE XXX</i> | <i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i> |
| <i>UNSIGNED</i> | <i>Bill held by Governor</i> |
| <i>VETO SUSTAINED</i> | <i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i> |

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (R2) is June 30, 2008. The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session (S1) is July 18, 2008.¹ The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills. Any bill summarized in this document having an LD number less than 1932 was a bill carried over from the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

¹ The session in which each law was enacted or finally passed (R2 or S1) is included in Appendix C.

Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

LD 405 **An Act Regarding MaineCare Pharmacy Professional Fees**

PUBLIC 590

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| LEWIN | OTP-AM | H-859 |

This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend the rules for MaineCare reimbursement to pharmacies for prescription drugs in order to increase the dispensing fee on a basis that is indexed to the Consumer Price Index and to provide other increases in reimbursement. The rules adopted are designated as routine technical rules.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-859)

This amendment replaces the bill. It provides a process for determining the cost of dispensing a medication under the MaineCare program, for reporting that information to legislative committees and for raising the professional fee paid to pharmacies for dispensing medications. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services to consider adjusting the fee every 2 years.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 590 provides a process for determining the cost of dispensing a medication under the MaineCare program, for reporting that information to legislative committees and for raising the professional fee paid to pharmacies for dispensing medications. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services to consider adjusting the fee every 2 years.

LD 519 **Resolve, Regarding Supplemental Services under the National Family Caregiver Support Program**

**DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| CAMPBELL BRANNIGAN | OTP-AM | H-665 |

This bill allows family members, friends or neighbors to receive payment for providing personal care and health maintenance services to persons who receive Medicaid.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-665)

This amendment changes the bill to a resolve and changes the title. The amendment directs the Department of Health and Human Services to initiate a demonstration project regarding the provision of supplemental services provided under the federal National Family Caregiver Support Program. The project will provide funding of \$40,000 per Area Agency on Aging and will fund up to \$1,000 per consumer.

LD 652 **Resolve, To Ensure Appropriate Personal Needs Allowances for Persons Residing in Long-term Care Facilities**

**DIED BETWEEN
HOUSES**

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