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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND
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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 First Regular Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature, which was in session from December 6, 2006 to June 21, 2007.

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:

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 (or Accepted ONTP report).....	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.....	Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED.....	Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note that the effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session is **September 20, 2007**. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills.

Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services

for a maximum of 3 such visits for an enrollee in a 12-month period.

LD 589 An Act To Repeal Certain Health Savings Account Provisions

ONTP

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

LD 589 is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to repeal certain state income tax provisions regarding health savings accounts.

LD 590 An Act To Amend Certain Requirements Applicable to Insurance Producers

PUBLIC 51

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

LD 590 makes the following changes to the laws applicable to insurance producers to establish consistency with current national uniformity standards:

1. It eliminates the prelicensing requirement under which potential license applicants were required to complete either a course of instruction or comply with an experience requirement before being able to sit for the qualifying license examination;
2. It expands the scope of the limited producer license for certain insurance provided in connection with the short-term rental of motor vehicles; and
3. It clarifies that nonresident producers with surplus lines authority are not required to maintain a physical office within this State.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 51 makes the following changes to the laws applicable to insurance producers to establish consistency with current national uniformity standards:

1. It eliminates the prelicensing requirement under which potential license applicants were required to complete either a course of instruction or comply with an experience requirement before being able to sit for the qualifying license examination;
2. It expands the scope of the limited producer license for certain insurance provided in connection with the short-term rental of motor vehicles; and
3. It clarifies that nonresident producers with surplus lines authority are not required to maintain a physical office within this State.