

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)

STATE OF MAINE
123RD LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

July 2007

STAFF:

JANE ORBETON, SENIOR ANALYST
ELIZABETH F. COOPER, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS
13 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, ME 04333
(207) 287-1670

MEMBERS:

SEN. JOSEPH C. BRANNIGAN, CHAIR
SEN. LISA T. MARRACHE
SEN. KEVIN L. RAYE

REP. ANNE C. PERRY, CHAIR
REP. WILLIAM R. WALCOTT
REP. CAROL A. GROSE
REP. ELIZABETH S. MILLER
REP. PAULETTE G. BEAUDOIN
REP. GARY A. CONNOR
REP. ROBERT P. WALKER
REP. JAMES J. CAMPBELL, SR.
REP. SARAH O. LEWIN
REP. DONNA W. FINLEY
REP. DONALD G. SOCTOMAH

STATE OF MAINE

123RD LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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 Health and Human Services

LD 1308 Resolve, Regarding the Use of Restraints in Nursing Facilities

RESOLVE 60

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NUTTING J	OTP-AM	S-120

This bill allows a nursing home to place side rails on the bed of a patient upon request of the patient or the patient's family or legal guardian.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-120)

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. The amendment requires the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules to ensure that prospective residents of nursing facilities and their families or guardians are provided information about restraint policies. The amendment also requires reports from the Department of Health and Human Services to the Health and Human Services Committee once a year for three years regarding the use of bed side rails as restraints.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2007, chapter 60 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules to ensure that prospective residents of nursing facilities and their families or guardians are provided information about restraint policies. The resolve also requires reports from the Department of Health and Human Services to the Health and Human Services Committee once a year for three years regarding the use of bed side rails as restraints.

LD 1309 An Act To Provide Equity in Funding for Women's Health Services

ONTP

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

This bill provides financial assistance to eligible women for abortion services.

LD 1354 Resolve, To Direct the Department of Health and Human Services To Establish a Physician Specialist Program

ONTP

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

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to evaluate and establish a program that facilitates the process by which physicians further their education to become specialists in a field of medicine.