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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

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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 Business, Research and Economic Development

LD 1575 **An Act To Authorize the Maine Board of Pharmacy To Establish a Pharmacist Health Program**

**PUBLIC 288
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERRY A	OTP-AM	H-335

This bill authorizes the Maine Board of Pharmacy to establish a program promoting the health and recovery of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who are diagnosed with substance use disorders and other mental illnesses.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-335)

This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 288 authorizes the Maine Board of Pharmacy to establish a program that promotes the health and recovery of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who are diagnosed with substance use disorders and other mental illnesses.

LD 1598 **An Act To Grant Supervisory Privileges to Supervising Nurse Practitioners**

PUBLIC 316

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PINKHAM	OTP-AM	H-386

This bill authorizes qualified independent registered nurse practitioners to provide the supervision necessary for a certified nurse practitioner to qualify to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-386)

This amendment changes the bill by replacing the term "qualified independent nurse practitioner" with the term "supervising nurse practitioner" to more accurately describe the position.

It retains the bill's provisions for the position requiring 24 months of supervised practice and the approval of the State Board of Nursing. It adds to the requirements 5 years of practice in the same specialty and working in a clinical health care field for a minimum of 10 years.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law, chapter 316 authorizes supervising nurse practitioners to provide the supervision necessary for certified nurse practitioners to qualify to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse. The law adds a definition for the term "supervising nurse practitioner" to accurately describe the position.

LD 1600 **An Act To Allocate the Number of Redemption Centers Based on Population**

**DIED BETWEEN
HOUSES**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RECTOR	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-272