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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 Health and Human Services

LD 1699 Resolve, To Improve Maine's Homemaker Services Program

DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
EDMONDS	OTP-AM	S-299

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to increase the pay rate of the homemaker services providers who assist lower income senior citizens from \$17.00 to \$18.75 per hour.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-299)

The amendment directs the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Elder Services to review the services provided in long-term care programs, reimbursement in long-term care programs and training, skills, pay and benefits for persons working in long-term care and to report by January 15, 2008 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This bill died on adjournment on the Appropriations Table.

See also the biennial budget, Public Law 2007, chapter 240, page 351 for appropriation of \$279,000 in Fiscal Year 2008 for homemaker program wage increases.

LD 1714 Resolve, To Expand the Maine Registry of Certified Nursing Assistants

RESOLVE 87

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PINGREE	OTP-AM	H-485

This bill requires that the Department of Health and Human Services develop a plan to improve and expand the Maine Registry of Certified Nursing Assistants, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1812-G to include unlicensed assistive personnel, and present the plan to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than December 1, 2007.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-485)

This amendment clarifies the actions that must be taken by the Department of Health and Human Services in developing a plan to improve and expand the Maine Registry of Certified Nursing Assistants and the issues that must be considered in developing the plan. The amendment requires the department to convene a working group to consider issues that were required to be implemented in the resolve.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2007, chapter 87 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a plan to improve and expand the Maine Registry of Certified Nursing Assistants. The plan must include listing unlicensed assistive personnel. The resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a working group and to report to the Health and Human Services Committee by December 1, 2007.