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**STATE OF MAINE**  
124<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 124<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature coming from the

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND  
FINANCIAL SERVICES**

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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 124<sup>th</sup> 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:

CARRIED OVER.....	Carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
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; bill died
ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report).....	Ought Not To Pass report accepted; bill died
P&S XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
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

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature is September 12, 2009. 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*

**LD 4**

**An Act To Remove the Age Restriction for Serving as a Corporator of a Mutual Financial Institution**

**PUBLIC 19**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COURTNEY	OTP-AM	S-5

This bill repeals the section of law that requires a corporator of a mutual financial institution to retire from membership on the board of corporators upon reaching 72 years of age.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-5)**

This amendment replaces the bill. As in the bill, the amendment repeals the requirement that a corporator of a mutual financial institution must retire at 72 years of age. The amendment also clarifies that the governing body of a mutual financial institution may, in its bylaws, set limits on membership terms and tenure of corporators.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2009, chapter 19 repeals the requirement that a corporator of a mutual financial institution must retire at 72 years of age and clarifies that the governing body of a mutual financial institution may, in its bylaws, set limits on membership terms and tenure of corporators.

**LD 20**

**An Act To Require Insurance Companies To Cover the Cost of Prosthetics**

**Carried Over**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRYANT M BRYANT B		

This bill requires health insurance policies, contracts and certificates to provide coverage for prosthetics. The provisions of this bill apply to all policies, contracts and certificates issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2010.

LD 20 has been carried over to the next special or regular session of the 124th Legislature pursuant to joint order, H.P. 1053.

**LD 21**

**An Act To Encourage the Diagnosis and Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRYANT M GERZOFSKY	ONTP	

This bill requires health insurance policies, contracts and certificates to provide coverage for diagnostic testing and screening for autism spectrum disorders. The provisions of this bill apply to all policies, contracts and certificates issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2010.