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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN
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 124th 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 124th 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 Health and Human Services

LD 16 Resolve, To Ensure Appropriate Personal Needs Allowances for Persons Residing in Long-term Care Facilities

**DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BEAUDOIN	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-41

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules to provide for increases in the personal needs allowances of residents in nursing facilities and residential care facilities and provide for annual increases after July 1, 2010 that are indexed to the Consumer Price Index for medical services. The rules are designated as routine technical rules.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-41)

This amendment changes the date for increasing the personal needs allowance from July 1, 2009 to October 1, 2009 and adds an appropriations and allocations section.

LD 17 An Act To Prohibit the Sale of Energy Drinks to Minors

ONTP

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

This bill prohibits the sale of energy drinks to minors. In the bill an energy drink is defined as a soft drink that contains 80 or more milligrams of caffeine per 8 fluid ounces.

The Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services requests by letter that the Department of Health and Human Services work with stakeholders to examine the issues relative to energy drinks and the impact the drinks may have on the health of children. The letter asks the department to make recommendations related to the labeling, advertising and marketing of energy drinks as well as strategies for consumer education. It asks the department to report those recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 15, 2010.

LD 18 An Act To Ensure Access to MaineCare Services

ONTP

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

This bill ensures access to MaineCare services by providing incentives for health care practitioners to serve MaineCare members. The incentives, which will be established by routine technical rulemaking that must be completed by January 1, 2010, may include reimbursement or other incentives.