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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 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 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 Health and Human Services***

rehospitalization of a participant in the progressive treatment program to include 2 categories of nurses who are already authorized to certify emergency hospitalization.

**LD 341      An Act To Amend the Department of Health and Human Services' Progressive Treatment Program**

**PUBLIC 321**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NUTTING J	OTP-AM A ONTP B OTP-AM C	S-197

This bill provides for an extension of up to 6 months of the period of participation in the Department of Health and Human Services' progressive treatment program for a person suffering from a severe and persistent mental illness who has been involuntarily committed to a state mental health institute and who has been participating in the progressive treatment program. This bill also changes the age for participating in the progressive treatment program from 21 years of age and older to 19 years of age and older.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-197)**

This amendment lowers the minimum age for participation in the progressive treatment program to 18 years of age. The amendment provides the process by which the assertive community treatment team for a person in the progressive treatment program may apply to the District Court for one extension of participation for up to 6 months and the process by which the court makes a determination of whether to order an extension of participation.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2009, chapter 321 lowers the minimum age for participation in the progressive treatment program to 18 years of age. The law provides the process by which the assertive community treatment team for a person in the progressive treatment program may apply to the District Court for one extension of participation for up to 6 months and the process by which the court makes a determination of whether to order an extension of participation.

**LD 359      An Act To Ensure That MaineCare Reimbursements to Hospitals Do Not Pay For Hospital Advertisements**

**ONTP**

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

This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend the MaineCare rules for reimbursement to hospitals to deduct from the reimbursement due to a hospital the cost paid by the hospital for advertisements for its inpatient care or treatment that were paid for during the applicable fiscal year. The rules, which must apply to hospital fiscal years beginning July 1, 2009 or after, are routine technical rules.