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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

February 1, 2011.

It provides funding for long-term care services for the elderly and adults with physical disabilities in the amount of \$500,000 per year for the Priority Social Services Program and \$200,000 per year for the family caregiver initiative.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-57)

This amendment replaces the bill. It combines 4 provisions requiring reports to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters. It reduces the funding from \$1,000,000 per year to \$800,000 per year. It changes the provision requiring a unified long-term care budget to the provision of a comprehensive presentation of the long-term care budget.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-343)

This amendment strikes the appropriations and allocations section and requires the Department of Health and Human Services, as resources permit, to work with the 5 area agencies on aging to identify funding to provide services on a statewide basis.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 420 amends existing law governing the legislative findings and policy for home-based and community-based long-term care services for the elderly and adults with physical disabilities. It adds statements of findings for in-home and community support services and long-term care services.

It adds hospice care to the definition of "in-home and community support services."

It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to undertake a process to provide a comprehensive presentation of a budget for long-term care services and supports for the elderly and adults with physical disabilities.

It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to report by January 1, 2010 on waiting lists for home-based and community-based care and homemaker services, funding sources for assistive technologies, a comprehensive and systematic approach to training, reimbursement and benefits for direct care workers in home-based and community-based care, residential facilities and nursing facilities and work done regarding the aging and disability resource centers and efforts to improve discharge planning and the provision of information to consumers and their families.

The law requires the Department of Health and Human Services, as resources permit, to work with the five area agencies to identify funding to provide aging and disability resource services on a statewide basis.

Public Law 2009, chapter 420 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 12, 2009.

LD 405

An Act To Reevaluate the Scope of Coverage for the Childless Adult Waiver Program

ONTP

Sponsor(s)

MILLS P

Committee Report

ONTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill provides a one-time appropriation of \$150,000 in fiscal year 2009-10 for the Department of Health and Human Services to contract for an independent survey of members enrolled in the MaineCare childless adult waiver program.