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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
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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 552 **Resolve, Authorizing Coverage of Enteral Formula under the
MaineCare Program**

ONTP

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

This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend the MaineCare rules to require coverage for all Medicaid populations for medically necessary enteral formulas and is modelled after the New York State Medicaid program, which has authorized such coverage since 1997.

LD 563 **An Act To Pay a State Share into the HealthInfoNet System**

ONTP

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

This bill appropriates \$250,000 in each of fiscal years 2009-10 and 2010-11 for grants to HealthInfoNet for the State's contribution to support Maine's health information exchange system.

See LD 1490.

LD 572 **An Act To Expand the Membership of the Maine Elder Death Analysis
Review Team**

PUBLIC 149

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMPBELL MARRACHE	OTP	

This bill amends the section of law that lists the composition of the Maine Elder Death Analysis Review Team in the Attorney General's Office. It makes a change to reflect the updating of a position title and it adds 3 positions: a sexual assault nurse examiner, a physician and an emergency medical services professional.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, Chapter 149 amends the section of law that lists the composition of the Maine Elder Death Analysis Review Team in the Attorney General's Office. It makes a change to reflect the updating of a position title and it adds 3 positions: a sexual assault nurse examiner, a physician and an emergency medical services professional.