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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***

**LD 573      An Act Requiring Assisted Living Facilities To Provide Automated External Defibrillator Availability**

**ACCEPTED ONTP  
REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS P	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish rules that require a licensed assisted housing program to establish an automated external defibrillator, AED, access plan that includes having an AED on the premises of the facility and at least one employee on duty during each shift who is trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an AED.

**LD 574      Resolve, To Increase the Blood Supply**

**RESOLVE 21**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WAGNER J BRANNIGAN	OTP MAJ ONTP MIN	

This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide information and guidance to assist blood donation centers in meeting the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration requirements to receive blood and blood components collected through therapeutic phlebotomies from individuals with diagnosed hereditary hemochromatosis.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2009, chapter 21 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide information and guidance to assist blood donation centers in meeting the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration requirements to receive blood and blood components collected through therapeutic phlebotomies from individuals with diagnosed hereditary hemochromatosis.

**LD 575      An Act To Preserve the Commitment Made to Children in the State's Care**

**ACCEPTED ONTP  
REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CONNOR CRAVEN	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide to an adoptive family for a child placed with the family a subsidy through the execution of a renewable contract for a period of 4 years, during which time the level of reimbursement may not be decreased. The bill also prohibits the department from reducing adoption subsidies between October 1, 2009 and September 30, 2013.