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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

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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 623      An Act To Provide the Office of Chief Medical Examiner Access to  
Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program Data for the  
Purpose of Conducting Cause of Death Investigations**

**PUBLIC 196**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERRY A BRANNIGAN	OTP-AM	H-203

This bill amends the controlled substances prescription monitoring laws to authorize Office of Chief Medical Examiner access to prescription monitoring information for the limited purpose of conducting investigations into the cause, manner and circumstances of death in medical examiner cases. The bill specifies that prescription monitoring information under the possession or control of the Office of Chief Medical Examiner is confidential and may not be further disseminated.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-203)**

This amendment clarifies that information the Office of Chief Medical Examiner acquires separately from the prescription monitoring information is still subject to the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3022 related to confidentiality, access, use and dissemination.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2009, chapter 196 amends the controlled substances prescription monitoring laws to authorize Office of Chief Medical Examiner access to prescription monitoring information for the limited purpose of conducting investigations into the cause, manner and circumstances of death in medical examiner cases. It specifies that prescription monitoring information under the possession or control of the Office of Chief Medical Examiner is confidential and may not be further disseminated. It clarifies that information the Office of Chief Medical Examiner acquires separately from the prescription monitoring information is still subject to the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3022 related to confidentiality, access, use and dissemination.

**LD 624      Resolve, To Implement Certain Recommendations of the Report of the  
Governor's Task Force on Expanding Access to Oral Health Care for  
Maine People**

**Carried Over**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STRANG BURGESS BRANNIGAN		

This resolve would increase MaineCare dental reimbursement rates in accordance with recommendation #1 of the 2008 Governor's Task Force on Expanding Access to Oral Health Care for Maine People.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 124th Legislature by Joint Order, H.P. 1053. This bill was carried over on the chance that funding may be available in 2010.