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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

LD 701 An Act To Fund the Screening and Early Detection Elements of the Carried Over
Statewide Cancer Plan

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STRANG BURGESS MARRACHE		H-250

This bill provides funding for a portion of the comprehensive cancer screening, detection and prevention program by providing an ongoing appropriation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine.

This bill was carried over by Joint Order, H.P. 1053 to any special or regular session of the 124th Legislature due to action of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-250)

This amendment changes the name of the account in the appropriations and allocations section of the bill. The amount proposed for appropriations remains the same as the original bill.

LD 721 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To ONTP
Raise Public Awareness of Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome

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

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to establish, promote and maintain a reflex sympathetic dystrophy syndrome education initiative to raise public awareness of, and educate consumers, health professionals, teachers and human services providers about, the causes and nature of this syndrome, personal risk factors, the value of early detection and prompt treatment and options for diagnosing and treating the disease. The department is to consult with the State of Delaware and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, both of which have instituted this sort of initiative.

The Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services requests by letter that the Director of Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention in the Department of Health and Human Services create awareness of Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome through articles in newsletters to nurse practitioners, physicians and other health care practitioners.

LD 724 Resolve, To Create a Working Group To Provide Transparency RESOLVE 66
Concerning Operating Expenses for Hospitals

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARRACHE	OTP-AM	S-149

This bill requires hospitals to report annually to the Department of Health and Human Services a detailed description of their annual operating budgets and requires the department to report all information gathered to the joint standing