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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 794

Resolve, To Adjust Copayment Rules To Ensure Access to Home-based Care Services

ONTP

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

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules for home-based care copayments to eliminate the copayment waiver and simplify the determination of financial eligibility for the home-based care program. The resolve allows for consideration of expenses for housing, transportation, life insurance, allowable personal expenses and a spouse's unreimbursed medical expenses. The resolve also increases allowable household assets to no more than \$30,000.

The Health and Human Services Committee requested from the Department of Health and Human Services a report by January 15, 2010 on progress that the department is making on long-term care asset tests and copayments.

LD 795

Resolve, To Enhance Public Information about the MaineCare Program

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WAGNER R CRAVEN	ONTP	

This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to include in the weekly public notice any changes or any department application for a waiver to the MaineCare program. The department shall include in the notice that a person has 20 business days to request a hearing on any change or application for a waiver.

LD 802

An Act To Require Reporting on Medical Services or Treatment Provided to Minors without Parental Consent

ONTP

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

This bill requires a health care practitioner or health care provider who provides health care services or health treatment to a minor without the consent of that minor's parent or guardian to file a report containing specified information with the Department of Health and Human Services.