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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 1015 **Resolve, To Study Aging and Outdated Long-term Care Facilities**

RESOLVE 52

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARRACHE	OTP-AM	S-116

This resolve establishes the Commission To Study the Replacement of Aging and Outdated Long-term Care Facilities.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-116)

This amendment removes those provisions of the resolve establishing a commission. The amendment removes emergency language from the resolve. It adds a new title. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to use existing resources available for long-term care purposes to perform a study of aging and outdated long-term care facilities. The department is required to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 15, 2010. The committee is authorized to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 52 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to use existing resources available for long-term care purposes to perform a study of aging and outdated long-term care facilities. The department is required to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 15, 2010. The committee is authorized to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

LD 1024 **Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Examine Restructuring the Management of the Institutional Long-term Care Delivery System**

ONTP

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

This resolve establishes the Commission To Examine Restructuring the Management of the Institutional Long-term Care Delivery System to improve quality of service while reducing the costs of services. The commission is to focus on the best ways to change basic systems within long-term care, such as restructuring the reimbursement and inspection systems, as well as the approach to the delivery of nursing services. The commission is to report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, which is authorized to introduce a bill on the commission's findings and suggestions.

The Health and Human Services Committee requested from the Department of Health and Human Services a report on long-term care system design by January 15, 2010.