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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 INSURANCE AND
FINANCIAL 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 Insurance and Financial Services

LD 1040

An Act Relating to Health Benefit Plan Coverage of Chemotherapy

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This bill requires that, if a carrier provides coverage for cancer chemotherapy, the carrier shall provide coverage for a prescribed orally administered cancer medication on a basis no less favorable than intravenously administered or injected cancer medications that are covered benefits.

LD 1059 Resolve, To Enhance Health Care for Direct Care Workers

Carried Over

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

This resolve requires the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to establish a demonstration project named the Direct Care Workforce Health Coverage Working Group to help long-term care service providers unable to afford high-quality health insurance for their direct care workers to receive higher levels of reimbursement for MaineCare services they provide. The project will last 4 years and cost \$500,000. The bureau shall assess if this benefit affects worker retention. The bureau shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over insurance matters, which may submit legislation.

LD 1059 has been carried over to the next special or regular session of the 124th Legislature pursuant to joint order, H.P. 1053.

LD 1063 An Act To Provide Consumer Disclosures and Protect Consumer Options in Life Insurance

PUBLIC 376

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SULLIVAN	OTP-AM	S-200

This bill provides disclosure to certain owners of life insurance policies from the insurance company of the availability of viatical settlement contracts. The bill also describes what constitutes violation of the Viatical and Life Settlements Act by an insurer.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-200)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment requires additional disclosures to consumers related to viatical and life settlements. The amendment requires the Superintendent of Insurance to develop a brochure informing consumers about their rights as owners of life insurance policies, including the alternatives to the lapse of a life insurance policy. The amendment requires life insurance companies to provide the brochure to consumers who are 60 years of age or older or have a chronic or terminal illness under certain circumstances. The amendment also