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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
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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 1444

An Act To Protect Consumers and Small Business Owners from Rising Health Care Costs

PUBLIC 350

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BARTLETT	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-219

Part A of the bill establishes the Advisory Council on Payment Reform to advise the Maine Health Data Organization and directs the council to develop a comprehensive set of proposed reforms to provide incentives for cost-effective and patient-centered health care.

Part B of the bill directs the Superintendent of Insurance to adopt rules for physician performance measurement, reporting and tiering programs to promote cost-effective and patient-centered care and create an advisory council.

Part C of the bill requires that hospitals and institutions licensed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1811 that are public charities must provide a certain amount of free health care.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-219)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and replaces the bill.

Part A directs the Advisory Council on Health Systems Development to develop recommendations on payment reform.

Part B directs the Superintendent of Insurance to adopt rules for physician performance measurement, reporting and tiering programs. The superintendent may consult with the advisory council.

Part C requires that the Department of Health and Human Services post on its publicly accessible website the federal Internal Revenue Service Form 990 and forms already filed by hospitals with the department within 30 days of the effective date of the bill, as amended.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 350 does the following.

Part A directs the Advisory Council on Health Systems Development to develop recommendations on payment reform.

Part B directs the Superintendent of Insurance to adopt rules for physician performance measurement, reporting and tiering programs. The superintendent may consult with the advisory council.

Part C requires that the Department of Health and Human Services post on its publicly accessible website the federal Internal Revenue Service Form 990 and forms already filed by hospitals with the department within 30 days of the effective date of the bill, as amended.