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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the Second Regular Session of the 124th Maine Legislature coming from the

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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 Second 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:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN HOUSES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed; bill died</i>
<i>ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report)</i>	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted; bill died</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature is Monday, July 12, 2010. 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 1616

An Act To Enhance Newborn Blood Spot Screening To Conform to Federal Newborn Screening Standards

PUBLIC 514

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

This bill amends the newborn screening program law to describe conditions for which screening is available and reliable and for which treatment improves outcomes. The bill also allows the program to align with national and regional efforts in screening, treatment and evaluation consistent with the federal Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act of 2007. The collection and sharing of data with other states involved in the same newborn blood spot screening programs will allow the department to assess the comprehensive newborn screening system's strengths and weaknesses and will promote quality assurance, quality improvement and ongoing evaluation of the effectiveness of the newborn blood spot screening program as established by rule of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 514 amends the newborn screening program law to describe conditions for which screening is available and reliable and for which treatment improves outcomes. The law allows the program to align with national and regional efforts in screening, treatment and evaluation consistent with the federal Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act of 2007. The law requires the Department of Health and Human Services' genetics program to coordinate matters pertaining to detection, prevention and treatment of genetic conditions and metabolic disorders.

LD 1617 An Act Enabling Expedited Partner Therapy

PUBLIC 533

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERRY A	OTP-AM	H-653

This bill allows a health care professional who diagnoses a patient with a sexually transmitted disease to provide prescription antibiotic drugs to that patient's sexual partner for the treatment of the sexually transmitted disease without a physical examination if in the judgment of the health care professional the partner is unlikely or unable to be seen for comprehensive health care.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-653)

This amendment adds to the counseling requirements for expedited partner therapy advice regarding seeking medical attention.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 533 allows a health care professional who diagnoses a patient with a sexually transmitted disease to provide prescription antibiotic drugs to that patient's sexual partner for the treatment of the sexually transmitted disease without a physical examination if in the judgment of the health care professional the partner is unlikely or unable to be seen for comprehensive health care. The law requires counseling advice regarding seeking medical attention.