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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND
ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 125th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD 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 LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

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; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCY..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX..... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX..... chapter # of enacted public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature is September 28, 2011. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

Health and Human Services to adopt rules to implement this provision by April 1, 2012 and designates the rules as routine technical rules.

LD 75 **Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To** **ONTP**
Amend Its Rules Governing Electronic Benefits Transfer Cards

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| WOOD MASON | ONTP | |

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules governing the electronic benefits transfer system to provide that a person may not receive cash back in connection with a transaction made with an electronic benefits transfer card that is drawing on the person's food supplement benefit account and to require that a photograph of the owner of an electronic benefits transfer card appear on that card.

LD 105 **Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 13: Municipal** **RESOLVE 21**
Service Fee, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and **EMERGENCY**
Human Services

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| | OTP-AM | H-50 |

This resolve provides for legislative review of Chapter 13: Municipal Service Fee, a major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-50)

This amendment authorizes the final adoption of Chapter 13: Municipal Service Fee, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, only if the name of the fee is changed to the state share of vital records fee, municipalities remit the state portion of the fees by the 30th of each month and any increase beyond the capped state share is removed from the rule.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 21 provides for legislative review of Chapter 13: Municipal Service Fee, a major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services. The rule had been adopted by the department as an emergency with an effective date of October 5, 2010 to allow the department to assess a fee on municipal governments related to administering vital records. Resolve 2011, chapter 21 approves the rule as long as the rule is amended to change the name of the fee to the state share of vital records fee, municipalities remit the state portion of the fees by the 30th of each month, and any increase beyond the capped state share is removed from the rule.

Resolve 2011, chapter 21 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 15, 2011.