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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

LD 121

An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Public Health Infrastructure

PUBLIC 306

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SOCTOMAH RAYE	OTP-AM	H-459

This bill extends to the federally recognized Indian nations, tribes and bands in the State and to their health departments and health clinics the laws on comprehensive community health coalitions, district coordinating councils for public health, district public health units, Healthy Maine Partnerships, the universal wellness initiative and health risk assessment.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-459)

This amendment replaces the bill. It creates a new tribal district in the public health infrastructure system composed of any lands belonging to Indian tribes in the State and including any member of a tribe living outside of tribal lands. It allows the tribal district to apply for Healthy Maine Partnerships funding. It allows for clear data assessments for the tribal district and tribal members that are separate from data available for other districts.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 306 creates a new tribal district in the public health infrastructure system composed of any lands belonging to Indian tribes in the State and including any member of a tribe living outside of tribal lands. It allows the tribal district to apply for Healthy Maine Partnerships funding. It allows for clear data assessments for the tribal district and tribal members that are separate from data available for other districts.

LD 127

Resolve, To Align Child-to-staff Ratios in Child Care Facilities

ONTP

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

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend the rules for licensing child care facilities in order to increase the child-to-staff ratios of child care centers to the child-to-staff ratios of small child care facilities. The resolve designates the rules as routine technical rules.

LD 146

An Act To Prohibit the Use of Mercury Amalgams in Dental Procedures for Children, Pregnant Women and Nursing Mothers

ONTP

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

This bill prohibits a dentist from knowingly using mercury or a mercury amalgam in any dental procedure involving a person 17 years of age or younger, a woman who is pregnant or a woman who is nursing a child.