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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 125<sup>th</sup> 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 125<sup>th</sup> 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*

Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Data, Research and Vital Statistics to amend its rules governing vital records fees to provide that a researcher identification card is valid for 2 years from the date of issuance and to reduce the fee for registration of a researcher identification card to \$25 for a person who is a dues-paying member of a genealogical society or organization.

**LD 390**

### **Resolve, To Implement Certain Recommendations of the Governor's Task Force on Expanding Access to Oral Health Care for Maine People**

**DIED ON  
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STRANG BURGESS CRAVEN	OTP-AM	H-170

This resolve increases MaineCare dental reimbursement rates in accordance with the recommendation of the 2008 Report of the Governor's Task Force on Expanding Access to Oral Health Care for Maine People.

#### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-170)**

This amendment replaces the resolve. It increases MaineCare dental reimbursement rates for 20 preventive, diagnostic and restorative dental procedures to the 10th percentile. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section to the resolve.

This resolve died on the appropriations table on adjournment.

**LD 424**

### **An Act To Revise the Laws Governing the Licensure of Public Water System Operators**

**PUBLIC 45**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOODALL	OTP-AM	S-18

This bill adds distribution facilities to the list of public water systems that the Board of Licensure of Water System Operators shall classify. The bill authorizes the board to license persons to serve as operators of only public water systems in the State and allows the board to design or approve examinations. The bill requires a person who fails to renew that person's license within 2 years following the expiration of the license to take an examination as a condition of licensure. The bill increases the fee limit for the various water system operator fees from \$60 to \$95. The bill also has a separate fee for the examination and licensure of public water system operators.

#### **Committee Amendment "A" (S-18)**

This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

#### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 45 adds distribution facilities to the list of public water systems that the Board of Licensure of Water System Operators shall classify. The law authorizes the board to license persons to serve as operators of only public water systems in the State and allows the board to design or approve examinations. The law requires a person who fails to renew that person's license within 2 years following the expiration of the license to take an examination as a condition of licensure. The law increases the fee limit for the various water system operator fees from \$60 to \$95. The law also has a separate fee for the examination and licensure of public water