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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

This amendment narrows the scope of the stakeholder group from public health nuisance laws to laws relating to wood smoke. It requires the Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health, supported by the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, to assemble a stakeholder group to examine the current laws relating to the control of wood smoke and enforcement procedures to determine if they are sufficient to protect the public. The stakeholder group shall include the Department of Environmental Protection and the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, public health organizations, environmental health experts, municipal officials and affected members of the public. The stakeholder group shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 1, 2012.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-296)

This amendment removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause.

LD 560 Resolve, To Increase the Effectiveness of Accessibility Requirements for ONTP
Persons with Disabilities

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

This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to convene a working group to study increasing the effectiveness of accessibility requirements for persons with disabilities for public buildings, public accommodations, restaurants and eating establishments, colleges and hospitals. The departments are required to provide staffing assistance to the working group and to report to the Legislature with recommendations for suggested legislation by November 1, 2011.

LD 572 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Health Data PUBLIC 233
Organization Relating to Retail Pharmacies

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SNOWE-MELLO	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	S-138

This bill removes retail pharmacies from the list of entities funding and reporting to the Maine Health Data Organization.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-138)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 233 removes retail pharmacies from the list of entities funding and reporting to the Maine Health Data Organization.