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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 Insurance and Financial Services

LD 712 An Act To Expand Access to Clinical Trials

ONTP

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

This bill amends the Maine Insurance Code to include those with medical conditions for whom an approved clinical trial is available. It requires health insurance coverage of clinical trials by pharmaceutical manufacturers. It also clarifies that the law covers all phases of clinical trials, including translational trials as well as Phase I, Phase II and Phase III trials.

LD 720 An Act To Mandate Insurance Coverage for Infertility Treatment

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| KNIGHT | ONTP | |

This bill requires that health insurance policies include coverage for the treatment of infertility if the covered individual is married; the covered individual's infertility is not the result of a sexually transmitted disease; and the number of embryos implanted does not exceed the number set forth in standards adopted by the American Society of Reproductive Medicine or a successor organization. Under the bill, an insurance policy that provides infertility treatment coverage may require a 50% or lower copayment by the insured. The bill applies to all policies in effect on or after January 1, 2012.

LD 731 An Act To Terminate the Authorization of the Maine Self-Insurance Guarantee Association To Serve as a Statistical Advisory Organization for Self-insurers

PUBLIC 83

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| SNOWE-MELLO | OTP | |

This bill repeals the authorization of the Maine Self-Insurance Guarantee Association to serve as the statistical advisory organization for self-insurers.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 83 repeals the authorization of the Maine Self-Insurance Guarantee Association to serve as the statistical advisory organization for self-insurers.