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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*

**LD 757 An Act To Add a Member to the Advisory Council on Health Systems Development**

**INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BOLAND PATRICK	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	

This bill adds an individual with expertise in the discipline of food science to the membership of the Advisory Council on Health Systems Development.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-140)**

This amendment adds to the Advisory Council on Health Systems Development a member with expertise in health care delivery through federally qualified health centers.

**LD 759 An Act To Increase Efficiency and Effectiveness in the Licensing of Certain Health and Human Services Providers**

**PUBLIC 145**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STRANG BURGESS CRAVEN	OTP-AM	H-171

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to approve and license substance abuse treatment, child and adult welfare and behavioral health agencies, programs and facilities that receive and maintain accreditation by nationally recognized accrediting bodies. The Department of Health and Human Services is required to include the agency, program or facility on any list of approved and licensed agencies, programs and facilities maintained by the department. Notwithstanding an agency's, program's or facility's maintenance of accreditation, the Department of Health and Human Services may revoke the certificate of approval and remove a substance abuse treatment program or facility from the department's list of approved programs and facilities for failure to provide data, statistics, schedules or other information reasonably required by the department or revoke or modify any agency's, program's or facility's license for findings resulting from the investigation of an incident.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-171)**

This amendment replaces the bill, which required the Department of Health and Human Services to approve and license substance abuse treatment, child and adult welfare and behavioral health agencies, programs and facilities accredited by nationally recognized accrediting bodies. The amendment simplifies the process and requires the Department of Health and Human Services to deem in compliance with state licensing rules those entities that receive and maintain accreditation by national accrediting bodies approved by the department. The department may review compliance with applicable accreditation requirements in response to a complaint.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 145 simplifies the process of approving and licensing substance abuse treatment, child and adult welfare and behavioral health agencies by requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to deem in compliance with state licensing rules those entities that receive and maintain accreditation by national accrediting bodies approved by the department. The department may review compliance with applicable accreditation requirements in response to a complaint.