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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

expensive community-based treatment, and use the savings to increase access to peer support services.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-424)

This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to review the use of hospital emergency departments by persons requiring only behavioral health and substance abuse services. The amendment requires the department to identify care that could be delivered in community-based settings, to review models for triage and diversion, to estimate potential cost savings and to report recommendations by March 1, 2012 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-663)

This amendment changes the date by which the Department of Health and Human Services is required to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services from March 1, 2012 to June 1, 2012.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 107 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to review the use of hospital emergency departments by persons requiring only behavioral health and substance abuse services. The resolve requires the department to identify care that could be delivered in community-based settings, to review models for triage and diversion, to estimate potential cost savings and to report recommendations by June 1, 2012 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

LD 1001

An Act To Assist Persons Who May Be Eligible for Social Security Disability Assistance

**DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT**

Sponsor(s)

EVES
ROSEN R

Committee Report

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Amendments Adopted

H-619

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to assist ASPIRE-TANF participants who have been determined to have a physical or mental health problem that may be severe enough to qualify for federal social security disability insurance benefits or federal supplemental security income benefits to apply for those benefits. The bill also establishes guidelines and criteria that the department is required to follow in assisting the participants.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-619)

The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This bill died on the appropriations table on adjournment.

LD 1023

An Act To Authorize the Board of Licensure of Podiatric Medicine and the State Board of Veterinary Medicine To Establish a Podiatrist Health Program and a Veterinarian Health Program

PUBLIC 190

Sponsor(s)

STRANG BURGESS
CRAVEN

Committee Report

OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted

H-285