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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

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 383 clarifies that an individual must possess both a valid registry identification card and a valid Maine-issued driver's license or other Maine-issued photo identification as proof of valid participation in the medical use of marijuana. The law specifies that a primary caregiver's registry identification card expires on the same date that the patient's card expires. The law removes the requirement that registry identification cards contain information distinguishing the cardholder as a patient or primary caregiver and a photo. The law includes provisions on forfeiture for excess marijuana, allows the use in court of certified copies of marijuana registry records and includes rulemaking on fees paid by primary caregivers.

LD 1160

Resolve, To Promote Education Regarding Parkinson's Disease among Health Care and Emergency Personnel

MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

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

This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention to undertake an educational initiative regarding Parkinson's disease to increase understanding among health care and emergency personnel by July 1, 2012. The initiative must include training on Parkinson's disease and its symptoms and appropriate responses. The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention is directed to work collaboratively with the boards of licensure in the health care professions, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Corrections, public transportation providers and crisis intervention personnel. Informational materials developed under the initiative must be used in the information and referral service on Parkinson's Syndrome.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-141)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, adds an appropriations and allocations section.

LD 1166 An Act To Improve Electronic Prescribing

ONTP

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

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to improve the electronic prescription drug program by establishing an electronic prior authorization system that:

1. Is aligned with the SCRIPT standard as set forth by the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs;
2. Is required to be included as a part of all devices and software and hardware systems that facilitate the electronic submission of prescription drug orders;
3. Uses a universal format for prior authorizations;