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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

LD 1271

An Act To Require Use of the Electronic Death Registration System

PUBLIC 371

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCORMICK	OTP-AM	H-621 STRANG BURGESS S-157

This bill requires that, beginning January 1, 2012, death certificates filed by funeral directors or certain other persons must be filed using the electronic death registration system maintained by the State Registrar of Vital Statistics.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-157)

This amendment changes the date by which death certificates filed by funeral directors or certain other persons must be filed using the electronic death registration system maintained by the State Registrar of Vital Statistics from January 1, 2012 to July 1, 2012.

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-621)

This amendment provides that an electronic death registration system may be used, but is not required to be used, to file a certificate of death.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 371 provides that, beginning July 1, 2012, death certificates filed by funeral directors or certain other persons may be filed using the electronic death registration system maintained by the State Registrar of Vital Statistics.

**LD 1281 Resolve, To Ensure Cost-effective Services for Persons Needing
Neuropsychological Testing**

RESOLVE 110

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FOSEL CRAVEN	OTP-AM	H-624

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual to permit neuropsychological testing assistants, also known as psychometricians, to administer and score neuropsychological and psychological tests of MaineCare patients under the supervision of a licensed psychologist.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-624)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 110 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual to permit neuropsychological testing assistants, also known as psychometricians, to administer and score neuropsychological and psychological tests of MaineCare patients under the supervision of a licensed psychologist.