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125th Legislature First Regular Session



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	
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
EMERGENCYenac	cted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINA	AL 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 GOVERNORGovernor has r	not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW	sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
	ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP	indefinitely postponed; legislation died
	r REPORT X ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX	chapter # of enacted private & special law
	chapter # of enacted public Law
RESOLVE XXX	chapter # of finally passed resolve
	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 1290	Resolve, To Promote Prevention Practices in Oral Health Care	VETO
		SUSTAINED

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
EVES CRAVEN	OTP-AM	H-411

This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop and maintain a program to promote oral health and dental disease prevention activities and to gather and aggregate data regarding oral health programs in this State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-411)

This amendment adds to the resolve the requirement that the oral health promotion program be undertaken within existing resources of the Department of Health and Human Services.

LD 1294 An Act To Impose a 90-day Residency Requirement in Order To Receive State Assistance ONTP

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
GUERIN	ONTP	

This bill establishes a 90-day residency requirement for applicants for the MaineCare program, the statewide food supplement program, the TANF program and municipal general assistance.

LD 1296 An Act To Amend the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act To Protect Public 407 Patient Privacy

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
SANDERSON TRAHAN	OTP-AM	H-615

This bill amends the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act to protect patient privacy. The bill provides for expanded access and optional registration under the Act. The bill does the following.

- 1. It allows a physician to determine whether a condition requires the use of medical marijuana.
- 2. It amends the definition of "enclosed, locked facility."
- 3. It defines "mature marijuana plant."
- 4. It clarifies the definition of "qualifying patient" and removes the requirement of registration for certain authorized conduct of the patient.