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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 1431      An Act To Establish Standards for the Administration of General Assistance Programs      ONTP**

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

This bill establishes standards for municipal administration of a general assistance program. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to certify that a municipality is qualified to administer a general assistance program based on the standards and applicable law. If the department determines that a municipality has improperly administered its general assistance program, the department shall establish a corrective action plan for that municipality. If a municipality is not certified to administer a general assistance program or, if certified, has not administered the program in accordance with law and has failed to meet the requirements of a corrective action plan, the department shall administer the program in that municipality itself or contract with another municipality or nonprofit organization to administer the program in that municipality, with the decertified municipality remaining liable for the cost of the program.

**LD 1435      An Act To Adopt the Interstate Prescription Monitoring Program Compact      PUBLIC 217**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN J	OTP	

This bill enacts the interstate prescription monitoring program compact. The compact is designed to provide a mechanism for state prescription monitoring programs to securely share prescription data to improve public health and safety.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 217 enacts the interstate prescription monitoring program compact. The compact is designed to provide a mechanism for state prescription monitoring programs to securely share prescription data to improve public health and safety.

**LD 1461      Resolve, To Implement the Recommendations of the Report on Services for Elders and Other Adults Who Need Long-term Home-based and Community-based Care      RESOLVE 71**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RAYE	OTP-AM	S-165

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to implement the recommendations included in the report submitted to the 124th Legislature entitled "Services for Elders and Other Adults Who Need Long-Term Home- and Community-Based Care" to make systemic changes to Maine's long-term home-based and