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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*

remained relatively consistent. This resolve establishes a commission tasked with reviewing whether allocations of the fund are properly aligned with the State's current public and preventive health priorities, strategies and goals and recommending adjustments to allocations as necessary.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-417)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It changes the membership of the resolve's Commission To Study Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine. It makes a minor clarification in the section on the duties of the commission and requires state agencies to provide information and data to the commission.

### **Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-336)**

This amendment transfers \$6,960 from the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability to fund the costs of the study to be done by the Commission To Study Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2011, chapter 112 implements one recommendation for legislative action found in the report on the Fund for a Healthy Maine programs submitted by the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability in October 2009. The original allocations from the fund to various health efforts were established more than 10 years ago and have remained relatively consistent. This resolve establishes a commission tasked with reviewing whether allocations of the fund are properly aligned with the State's current public and preventive health priorities, strategies and goals and recommending adjustments to allocations as necessary. The resolve requires state agencies to provide information and data to the commission and transfers \$6,960 from the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability to fund the costs of the study.

**LD 1581**

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 50: Principles of Reimbursement for Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded, a Major Substantive Rule of the DHHS**

**RESOLVE 97  
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

OTP

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 50: Principles of Reimbursement for Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded, a major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2011, chapter 97 provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 50: Principles of Reimbursement for Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded, a major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Resolve 2011, chapter 97 was passed as an emergency measure effective June 21, 2011.