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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 Second 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.

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN HOUSES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagreed; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>action incomplete when session ended; legislation died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment</i>
<i>FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>failed to receive final majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>HELD BY GOVERNOR</i>	<i>Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session</i>
<i>LEAVE TO WITHDRAW</i>	<i>sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>indefinitely postponed; legislation died</i>
<i>ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X</i> ..	<i>ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of enacted private & special law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of enacted public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of finally passed resolve</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's veto</i>

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature is Thursday, August 30, 2012. 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

by law is allowed to manipulate a person for the collection of specimens or process or submit or act as an agent for the transmittal of specimens.

3. It removes the requirement that a licensed medical laboratory send a copy of an itemized statement of laboratory services to the patient. Current practice is to send the itemized statement to the insurance company, the laboratory's client or the patient.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-396)

This amendment allows specimens to be collected or processed by licensed health care professionals and their designees acting within their scope of practice and qualified medical laboratory personnel who are authorized by the director of the medical laboratory. The bill eliminates the requirement for a licensed medical laboratory to send a copy of the itemized statement of laboratory services to the patient. This amendment keeps the requirement for the patient to receive an itemized statement, but enacts it as a separate section within the Maine Medical Laboratory Act.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 531 amends the Maine Medical Laboratory Act as follows.

1. It removes the requirement that an application for a medical laboratory license be notarized. Other licensing laws do not have this requirement.
2. It allows certain specimens to be collected or processed by licensed health care professionals and their designees acting within their scope of practice and qualified medical laboratory personnel who are authorized by the director of the medical laboratory.
3. It enacts the current requirement for the patient to receive an itemized statement as a separate section within the Maine Medical Laboratory Act.

LD 1625

An Act To Amend the Organization of the Quality Assurance Review Committee

PUBLIC 495

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

This bill gives the Department of Health and Human Services the duty to establish a statewide quality assurance review committee to review the provision of home care coordination services for long-term services and supports for elders and adults with disabilities. Previously, an agency that contracted to provide home care coordination services for the department was required to establish the committee. This bill also eliminates the requirement that the committee annually report to the department, and eliminates a reference to the Long-term Care Implementation Committee, which was repealed in 2003.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 495 gives the Department of Health and Human Services the duty to establish a statewide quality assurance review committee to review the provision of home care coordination services for long-term services and supports for elders and adults with disabilities. Previously, an agency that contracted to provide home care coordination services for the department was required to establish the committee. It also eliminates the requirement that the committee annually report to the department, and eliminates a reference to the Long-term Care Implementation Committee, which was repealed in 2003.