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**STATE OF MAINE**  
126<sup>TH</sup> 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* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 126<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 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature is October 9, 2013. 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*

Section 29 waiver of the MaineCare program in Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III to allow the Department of Health and Human Services to add home support as a covered service. Upon approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Department of Health and Human Services is required to adopt rules to amend the rules on the MaineCare program in Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 29 and Chapter III, Section 29 to add home support as a covered service. Rules to amend Chapter II, Section 29 are designated routine technical rules and rules to amend Chapter III, Section 29 are designated major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. Services under the Section 29 program remain capped at an aggregate amount of \$23,771 per year after home support is added.

See also LD 969.

**LD 20      Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To  
Review the Need for and the Costs of Services That Enable Populations  
Who Are Elderly or Have Disabilities To Live Independently      HELD BY  
GOVERNOR**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CRAVEN GATTINE	OTP	S-331 HILL

This bill provides additional General Fund appropriations of \$1,500,000 in each of fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15 for the Department of Health and Human Services to fully fund the independent support services program, also known as the homemaker services program. This appropriation is intended to eliminate the waiting list for the independent support services program.

**Senate Amendment "A" (S-331)**

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve and directs the Department of Health and Human Services to begin by December 1, 2013 reviewing and analyzing the need for services for instrumental activities of daily living among Maine's populations who are elderly or who have disabilities, the costs of providing services, the potential for savings and projections of need. This amendment directs the Department of Health and Human Services based on its review of costs and potential savings to submit by January 1, 2014 an inquiry to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services regarding the feasibility of obtaining a Medicaid waiver or a state plan amendment to enable the State to provide coverage for instrumental activities of daily living under the MaineCare program. If in response to the inquiry the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services indicates that it is feasible to obtain a Medicaid waiver or state plan amendment to enable the State to provide coverage for instrumental activities of daily living, the Department of Health and Human Services must apply for the necessary waiver or submit the state plan amendment by July 1, 2014.

**LD 22      An Act To Promote Equity in Business Opportunity for Tobacco  
Specialty Stores      ACCEPTED  
MAJORITY  
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HAMPER VILLA	ONTP OTP-AM	

Current law allows the on-premises service, preparation and consumption of food and drink in tobacco specialty stores only if those stores were licensed for such services prior to January 1, 2007.

This bill removes the prohibition on the acquisition of such licenses by tobacco specialty stores subsequent to January 1, 2007.

*Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services*

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-34)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and replaces the bill. It allows a tobacco specialty store to be licensed as a cigar lounge and to be licensed to sell alcoholic beverages. A tobacco specialty store that is a cigar lounge may not sell cigarettes or prepare food on premises for sale. A tobacco specialty store that is a cigar lounge must provide notice about the dangers of environmental tobacco smoke to applicants for employment and employees.

**LD 23 An Act To Lower the Cost of Copies of Medical Records**

**PUBLIC 32**

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

This bill reduces the maximum amount that a hospital may charge for copies of medical records for the first page from \$10 to \$5.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 32 reduces the maximum amount that a hospital may charge for copies of medical records for the first page from \$10 to \$5.

See also LD 1500, enacted as Public Law 2013, chapter 158.

**LD 29 An Act To Provide Support Services to Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autistic Disorder**

**DIED ON  
ADJOURNMENT**

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

This bill provides a General Fund appropriation of \$1,000,000 in fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15 for the Department of Health and Human Services to serve individuals on the waiting list for services under the MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 29, Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autistic Disorder. It also provides corresponding Federal Expenditures Fund allocations.

See also Public Law 2013, chapter 368, the biennial budget, pages 266 and 359.

**LD 30 An Act To Provide Home and Community Services for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism**

**DIED ON  
ADJOURNMENT**

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

This bill provides a General Fund appropriation of \$1,000,000 in fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15 for the Department of Health and Human Services to serve individuals on the waiting list for services under the MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 21, Home and Community Benefits for Members with Intellectual Disabilities