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STATE OF MAINE
126TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND
FINANCIAL SERVICES**

May 2014

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND
ENACTED LAWS

The *Digest* is arranged 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.

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 HOUSESHouse & 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
EMERGENCYenacted 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 Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature is August 1, 2014. 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 Insurance and Financial Services

LD 347 **An Act To Amend Insurance Coverage for Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders**

PUBLIC 597

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| LACHOWICZ FARNSWORTH | OTP-AM ONTP | S-412 |

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

The bill expands health insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorders to persons 21 years of age and under. Current law requires coverage for only those five years of age and under. The bill applies to individual, group health and group health maintenance organization insurance policies, contracts, and certificates issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2014.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-412)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee.

The amendment expands health insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorders to persons ten years of age and under, whereas the bill expands it to persons 21 years of age and under. Current law requires coverage for persons five years of age and under. The provision applies to individual, group health and individual and group health maintenance organization insurance policies, contracts, and certificates issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2015.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 597 expands health insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorders to persons 10 years of age and under. Current law requires coverage for persons 5 years of age and under. The law applies to individual, group health and individual and group health maintenance organization insurance policies, contracts and certificates issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2015.

LD 523 **An Act To Require Health Insurance Coverage for Hearing Aids for Adults**

Veto Sustained

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| VALENTINO BECK | OTP-AM ONTP | S-378 |

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

The bill requires health insurance coverage for hearing aids for persons over 18 years of age. Under current law, coverage must be provided for individuals 18 years of age and under.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-378)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and changes the title.

The amendment requires health insurance carriers to provide coverage for hearing aids for individuals 26 years of age and under. Under current law, coverage must be provided for individuals 18 years of age and under. The requirements apply to all policies, contracts, and certificates issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2015.