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126<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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* 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*

provide rental subsidies to service providers for individuals with intellectual disabilities and within which state and federal guidelines and programs the rental subsidies to service providers for individuals with intellectual disabilities are provided. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to collect and use available data within available resources. The requirement to report and the reporting date from the original resolve are unchanged.

**LD 388**

**Resolve, To Improve the Participation Rate of Prescribers in the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program**

**RESOLVE 25  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DORNEY	OTP-AM	H-71

This bill provides for an alternative to the current mandatory participation provision for prescribers in the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program consisting of automatic enrollment at the time of licensure or renewal or the issuance of a certificate of registration by the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-71)**

This resolve replaces the bill. It requires the Substance Abuse Services Commission to develop a process to increase registration in the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program through professional licensing boards and to develop strategies to promote the use of the program by prescribers. The Substance Abuse Services Commission is required to report its findings, recommendations and any suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 1, 2014. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2013, chapter 25 requires the Substance Abuse Services Commission to develop a process to increase registration in the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program through professional licensing boards and to develop strategies to promote the use of the program by prescribers. The Substance Abuse Services Commission is required to report its findings, recommendations and any suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 1, 2014.  
Resolve 2013, chapter 25 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective May 20, 2013.

**LD 389**

**An Act To Bring Fairness to General Assistance Programs by Changing the Method of Municipal Reimbursement**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PARRY SAVIELLO	ONTP	

This bill changes the reimbursement of general assistance to municipalities so that they receive either a 50% reimbursement rate from the Department of Health and Human Services or a block grant equal to \$3.00 multiplied by the population of the municipality, whichever is the greater. It repeals the requirement that municipalities incurring net general assistance costs in excess of .0003 of the municipality's most recent state valuation receive a 90% reimbursement rate but maintains this reimbursement rate for the Indian tribes.