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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 126th 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 126th 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

LD 754

An Act To Encourage Transparency in the Disclosing of the Ingredients in Vaccinations for Children

DIED BETWEEN HOUSES

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BOLAND TUTTLE	ONTP OTP	

The purpose of this bill is to provide greater transparency regarding the ingredients of vaccinations and to reduce confusion related to school immunization requirements and a parent's right to decide against immunizing that parent's child. The bill requires a health care provider or clinic staff person, prior to immunizing a person under 18 years of age, to disclose the ingredients of the immunizing agent or agents to the parent or guardian of the child. It also requires the health care provider or clinic staff person to notify the parent or guardian of the option of refusing immunization of the child based on religious or philosophical beliefs.

LD 755

An Act To Require Estimates of Patient Costs Prior to Treatment

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BOLAND GRATWICK	ONTP	

This bill requires a health care provider to provide to a person recommended for a nonemergency health care procedure or course of treatment a cost estimate of the procedure or treatment, the provider's reasons for the procedure or treatment, other options and their costs and the amount of the cost that will be paid for by the person's insurer. This bill also requires a health care provider to provide a cost estimate to a referring provider on a recommended procedure or course of treatment for a referred patient.

LD 801

Resolve, To Extend the Deadline for the Department of Health and Human Services To Submit a Report on Persons with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism

**RESOLVE 73
EMERGENCY**

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

This resolve extends the deadline for the Department of Health and Human Services to submit its 2013 system of care plan for persons with intellectual disabilities or autism from January 15, 2013 to December 15, 2013. The resolve is retroactive to January 15, 2013.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2013, chapter 73 extends the deadline for the Department of Health and Human Services to submit its 2013 system of care plan for persons with intellectual disabilities or autism from January 15, 2013 to December 15, 2013. The resolve is retroactive to January 15, 2013.

Resolve 2013, chapter 73 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective July 2, 2013.