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

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FINANCIAL SERVICES**

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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 Insurance and Financial Services

LD 893 **An Act To Protect Life Insurance Policyholders**

ONTP

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

This bill requires that a notice of cancellation of life insurance be sent by registered mail to the last known address of the policyholder and any 3rd party designated by the policyholder.

LD 971 **An Act Regarding Exemptions under the Maine Insurance Code**

ONTP

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

This bill removes the exemption of health care sharing ministries from regulation as insurers under the Maine Insurance Code.

LD 984 **An Act To Amend the Health Plan Improvement Law Regarding Prescription Drug Step Therapy and Prior Authorization**

**VETO
SUSTAINED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GRATWICK MORRISON	OTP-AM ONTP	S-123

This bill establishes certain standards for prescription drug step therapy policies. The bill also reduces the time for health insurance carriers to respond to nonemergency prescription drug prior authorization requests from 2 days to 24 hours.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-123)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and replaces the bill. The amendment provides that the clinical review criteria used by a carrier in approving prescription drugs may not require dispensing of a medication for an off-label use and, as in the bill, may not require failure on the same medication on more than one occasion for enrollees continuously enrolled in a health plan offered by the carrier. The amendment also requires health insurance carriers to respond to nonemergency prescription drug prior authorization requests within 24 hours. The bill reduces the time to respond to 24 hours for all nonemergency services prior authorization requests.

LD 991 **An Act To Promote Wellness and Prevention through Health Plans**

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

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