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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

be obtained through the publicly accessible website of the Maine Health Data Organization.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 332 requires a health care practitioner to maintain and make available to clients a price list of the health care practitioner's most frequently provided services and procedures. The law exempts pharmacists from the consumer information requirements. The law adds a requirement that the prices must be accompanied by the applicable standard medical codes listed by diagnosis. The law requires health care practitioners to make available written information on health claims data that may be obtained through the publicly accessible website of the Maine Health Data Organization.

LD 1014

An Act To Improve Law Enforcement Access to Prescription Monitoring Program Data

**ACCEPTED
MINORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

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

This bill is a product of the Maine Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force established by the Governor and the Attorney General through Executive Order 2012-002. This bill allows a law enforcement agency access to prescription monitoring program information only for an active law enforcement investigation. Information provided to a law enforcement agency remains confidential and must be safeguarded in the same manner as other investigative information.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-343)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. This amendment retains the intent and effect of the bill but limits the context of a request for information from the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program by law enforcement to an active investigation involving a prescription drug offense. This amendment requires the Department of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Attorney General, to adopt routine technical rules regarding the manner of communicating requests for information from the program.

LD 1029

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Amend Its Rules Pertaining to a Request for Mental Health Records

ONTP

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

Current rules of the Department of Health and Human Services allow a recipient of mental health services or the recipient's parent or legal guardian to review the recipient's mental health records within a reasonable amount of time. This resolve directs the department to amend its rules to allow for reviewing those records on a daily basis.