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**STATE OF MAINE**  
126<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND  
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 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 Insurance and Financial Services*

Insurance to participate in consolidated approval proceedings for multistate transactions and in supervisory colleges, which are temporary or permanent forums for communication and cooperation among the regulators supervising an international insurance holding company system.

Part B amends the reinsurance laws to conform them to the current version of the NAIC's Credit for Reinsurance Model Act. It makes financially strong reinsurers domiciled in qualifying jurisdictions outside the United States eligible to apply for approval as certified reinsurers, with lower collateral requirements commensurate with their financial strength and domiciliary oversight.

Part C amends Maine's Standard Valuation Law to conform it to the current version of the relevant NAIC Model Act, incorporating the new principle-based reserving requirements that will become effective when adopted by a supermajority of states.

Part D amends the risk-based capital laws to strengthen the NAIC trend test and to make it applicable to companies transacting all types of insurance.

Part E gives the superintendent rule-making authority to establish financial standards and corporate governance standards for captive insurance companies that are risk retention groups, to maintain compliance with NAIC accreditation requirements. It also makes various technical corrections to the laws governing risk retention groups for internal consistency and consistency with federal law.

### **LD 1525**    **An Act To Streamline Billing for Mental Health Services**

**ONTP**

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

This bill provides that insurers, health maintenance organizations and other administrators of health insurance claims may not require persons submitting those claims before January 1, 2014 to use revised billing codes under the 5th edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders released in May 2013.