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SECOND REGULAR SESSION



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

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND
ENACTED LAWS

The *Digest* is arranged 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.

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 HOUSESHouse & 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
EMERGENCYenacted 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 Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature is August 1, 2014. 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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs

LD 1593

Resolve, To Eliminate Financial Inequality in MaineCare Reimbursement for Community-based Behavioral Health Services

Veto Sustained

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SANBORN LACHOWICZ	OTP-AM	H-829

This resolve was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature by the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. During the Second Regular Session, this resolve was reported out by the Health and Human Services Committee and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend the rules of reimbursement for behavioral health services under the MaineCare program to provide that all community-based behavioral health services are reimbursed at community-based rates. The amended rules must prohibit billing at hospital rates. The rules, which are routine technical rules, must be amended by October 1, 2014.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-829)

This amendment replaces the resolve. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a stakeholder group to review MaineCare reimbursement rates provided under Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 65 and similar services provided by a hospital or an administrative unit of a hospital. It also requires the department to report the stakeholder group's findings and recommendations, including recommendations on how rates should be adjusted, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs by January 1, 2015.

LD 1639

An Act To Fund Merit and Longevity Pay for Executive, Judicial and Legislative Branch Employees Pursuant to a Collective Bargaining Agreement

ONTP

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

This bill repeals the sections of Public Law 2013, chapters 354 and 368 that prohibited merit increases for employees in the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government in fiscal year 2014-15 and longevity payments to individuals not eligible on June 30, 2013. It includes General Fund appropriations and Highway Fund allocations to offset reductions made in the biennial budgets for 2014-2015 to restore funding for merit increases and longevity payments.

Funding for these items in fiscal year 2014-15 was included in Public Law 2013, chapter 502 (see LD 1843).

LD 1709

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support the Growth of and To Build Infrastructure for the Marine Sector of the State's Economy

PUBLIC 592

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T CASSIDY	OTP-AM	S-556