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STATE OF MAINE
126TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION



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

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 Insurance and Financial Services

LD 1629

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Provider Profiling Program

ONTP

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

This bill amends the law governing the health insurance provider profiling program to ensure that its requirements also apply to the establishment of narrow networks of health care providers.

See related bill, LD 1676, An Act to Strengthen Disclosure About Provider Networks in Health Insurance Plans to Consumers and Providers.

**LD 1651 An Act To Update Citations of Recodified Federal Regulations in the
Maine Consumer Credit Code**

PUBLIC 464

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| WHITTEMORE TREAT | OTP | |

This bill updates the Maine Consumer Credit Code so that existing references to federal regulations are up to date. The bill also amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 9-A, section 3-310 by consolidating references to the implementing regulations of the Federal Truth in Lending Act.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 464 updates the Maine Consumer Credit Code so that existing references to federal regulations are up to date. The law also amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 9-A, section 3-310 by consolidating references to the implementing regulations of the Federal Truth in Lending Act.

**LD 1676 An Act To Strengthen Disclosure about Provider Networks in Health
Insurance Plans to Consumers and Providers**

PUBLIC 535

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MCGOWAN | OTP-AM OTP-AM | H-718 |

This bill amends the law regarding the access standards that health insurance carriers must meet to require that the standards address the geographic locations and distribution of health care providers and that carriers mitigate the detrimental impact associated with requiring members to travel longer distances to obtain health care services.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-718)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and replaces the bill.

The amendment requires a health insurance carrier to disclose information about its provider networks, including whether there are any hospitals, health care facilities, physicians, or other providers not included in the provider's network, and any differences in an enrollee's financial responsibilities for payment of covered services to a participating provider and to a provider not included in a provider network. The amendment authorizes the Superintendent of Insurance to adopt rules setting forth the manner, content and required disclosure of the information and specifies that those rules are routine technical rules.