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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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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 Health and Human Services

LD 1642

An Act To Clarify the Law Governing Public Disclosure of Health Care Prices

PUBLIC 515

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WOODBURY	OTP-AM OTP-AM	S-431

This bill amends the law governing the public disclosure of health care prices. It specifies that it is a health care entity that must maintain a price list and defines "health care entity" to mean a health care practitioner, a group of health care practitioners or a health care facility. It clarifies the information that must be included with the price list and it eliminates the requirement that health care entities make available copies of the price list upon request.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-431)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill. It retains the substance of the bill and adds the following.

1. It requires health care entities to maintain prices rather than price lists to reflect that prices are typically retained in databases.
2. It requires health care entities to display a notice informing patients of their ability to obtain estimates of costs from the Maine Health Data Organization.
3. It allows health care entities that do not render their services directly to patients in an office setting to satisfy the requirements of notice by providing information on their publicly accessible websites.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-432)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, replaces the bill. It retains the substance of the bill and adds the following.

1. It requires health care entities to maintain prices rather than price lists to reflect that prices are typically retained in databases.
2. It requires health care entities to display a notice informing patients of their ability to obtain estimates of costs from the Maine Health Data Organization.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 515 amends the law governing the public disclosure of health care prices. It defines "health care entity" to mean a health care practitioner, a group of health care practitioners or a health care facility. It requires a health care entity to maintain prices rather than a price list to reflect that prices are typically retained in databases and to display a notice informing patients of their ability to obtain estimates of costs from the Maine Health Data Organization. It allows health care entities that do not render their services directly to patients in an office setting to satisfy the requirements of notice by providing information on their publicly accessible websites.

LD 1663

Resolve, To Require New Contracts for MaineCare Nonemergency Transportation

Veto Sustained

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T GATTINE	OTP-AM ONTP	S-441 H-754 FARNSWORTH