

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**  
126<sup>TH</sup> 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 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 Second Regular Session of the 126<sup>th</sup> 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 1704      An Act To Increase the Use of Dental Services by MaineCare-eligible Children      ONTP**

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

This bill amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3174-S to require the Department of Health and Human Services to include in its annual report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters the number of MaineCare-eligible children who receive dental services annually and what services they are provided and also to report quarterly to the Commissioner of Health and Human Services the names of MaineCare-eligible children from birth to 20 years of age who are not receiving dental services. The bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services, through the department's office of MaineCare services in cooperation with the dental care community, to design a pilot program to increase the use of dental services by MaineCare-eligible children. The bill also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a report regarding the pilot program to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than November 5, 2014. The joint standing committee may report out a bill to the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

**LD 1717      Resolve, To Support Homeless Youth Shelters      Veto Sustained**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CRAVEN BRIGGS	OTP-AM ONTP	S-414

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to allocate funds available in the Homeless Youth Program based on the proportion of the total amount each geographic region received during fiscal year 2012-13 and prohibits the department from reallocating funds between geographic regions. The bill provides a General Fund appropriation of \$750,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 for the Maine State Housing Authority to provide funding for homeless shelters.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-414)**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill with a resolve and changes the title. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to allocate funds available in the Homeless Youth Program proportionately based on the total amount each geographic region received during fiscal year 2012-13 for the fiscal years 2014-15 and 2015-16. It requires any unspent funds from the 2013-14 contract with the now-closed Halcyon House emergency shelter in Skowhegan to be allocated to the New Beginnings emergency shelter in Lewiston as soon as the Department of Health and Human Services determines that all financial obligations of Halcyon House have been satisfied.

**LD 1739      An Act To Amend the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act      PUBLIC 516**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DION HAMPER	OTP-AM OTP-AM	H-713 H-732 SANDERSON

During the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature, the Legislature passed six separate laws that affected the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act in various ways. The purpose of this bill is to clarify and coordinate those