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

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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 Second Regular Session of the 127th 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. An appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

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 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 127th Legislature is July 29, 2016. 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 475 Resolve, To Increase MaineCare Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autistic Disorder

Died Between Houses

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| STUCKEY P | OTP-AM OTP-AM | H-608 |

This resolve was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 29: Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autistic Disorder, by April 1, 2015, to increase the combined annual limit for service reimbursement to \$47,550 from the current limit of \$23,771.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-608)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, adds appropriations and allocations of \$16,000,000 in all funds to reduce the number of people on the waiting list for community-based services provided under Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Section 21: Home and Community Benefits for Members with Intellectual Disabilities or Autistic Disorder, in addition to the increase in the combined annual limit for Section 29 services.

House Amendment "C" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-669)

This amendment strikes the emergency preamble and emergency clause, changes the date by which the Department of Health and Human Services is required to amend its rules accordingly and removes appropriations and allocations for fiscal year 2015-16 for MaineCare Section 29 services, and removes appropriations and allocations for fiscal year 2015-16 and fiscal year 2016-17 for MaineCare Section 21 services. This amendment also reduces the General Fund appropriation by \$3,004,750 in fiscal year 2016-17 as a result of the ability to use increased funding available in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage in fiscal year 2016-17.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 552 An Act To Provide Funding for Home Visiting Services

Died On Adjournment

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MAKER J MILLETT R | OTP-AM | H-161 |

This bill was reported out of committee in the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature and carried over on the Special Appropriations Table.

This bill appropriates funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for home visiting services to provide essential child development education and skill development for new parents, which have been shown to reduce child abuse and neglect and to identify and address domestic violence.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-161)

This amendment removes the appropriation for the 2015-16 fiscal year from the bill.