

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals  
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)

STATE OF MAINE  
127<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION



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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES**

May 2016

**STAFF:**

ANNA BROOME, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST  
MICHAEL O'BRIEN, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST  
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS  
13 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, ME 04333  
(207) 287-1670  
AND  
LUKE LAZURE, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST  
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND PROGRAM REVIEW  
5 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, ME 04333  
(207) 287-1635  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/legis/opla/>

**MEMBERS:**

SEN. ERIC L. BRAKEY, CHAIR  
SEN. EARLE L. MCCORMICK  
SEN. ANNE M. HASKELL  
  
REP. DREW GATTINE, CHAIR  
REP. PETER C. STUCKEY  
REP. MATTHEW J. PETERSON  
REP. SCOTT M. HAMANN  
REP. CHRISTINE S. BURSTEIN  
REP. PATRICIA HYMANSON  
REP. DEBORAH J. SANDERSON  
REP. RICHARD S. MALABY  
REP. FRANCES M. HEAD  
REP. KAREN VACHON

# STATE OF MAINE

127<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION



## 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 127<sup>th</sup> 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 127<sup>th</sup> 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*

facility that is separate from the Riverview Psychiatric Center for forensic patients in the custody of the Commissioner of Health and Human Services who no longer need a hospital level of care and the staffing situation at Riverview Psychiatric Center.

**Committee Amendment "B" (H-637)**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, establishes a repeal date of August 1, 2017 for the provisions in the bill that provide the Commissioner of Health and Human Services, or the commissioner's designee, with the option to determine that a mental health unit at a correctional facility is an appropriate institution or program for the placement of persons who have been determined to be not competent to stand trial or not criminally responsible by reason of insanity, at which time the law will revert to the previous version of statute, which does not offer such an option.

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 1581**

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 270: Uniform Reporting System for Quality Data Sets, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization**

**RESOLVE 71  
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

OTP

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 270: Uniform Reporting System for Quality Data Sets, a major substantive rule of the Maine Health Data Organization that was filed outside the legislative rule acceptance period.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2015, chapter 71 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 270: Uniform Reporting System for Quality Data Sets, a major substantive rule of the Maine Health Data Organization that was filed outside the legislative rule acceptance period.

Resolve 2015, chapter 71 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 29, 2016.

**LD 1599**

**Resolve, To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Strengthen and Align the Services Provided to Maine's Veterans by Authorizing MaineCare Transportation Services To Transport Veterans to Medical Appointments Administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs**

**ONTP**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

ONTP

This resolve was reported by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs pursuant to Resolve 2015, chapter 48 and then referred to the Health and Human Services Committee for processing in the normal course.

This resolve implements recommendations of the Commission To Strengthen and Align the Services Provided to Maine's Veterans. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to submit to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services an application for a MaineCare waiver to provide transportation services to veterans who are eligible for the MaineCare program but also receive health care benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs at the hospital located at