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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 First Regular Session of the 128th 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 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 First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature is Wednesday, November 1, 2017. 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 59

An Act To Provide Funding for a Therapeutic Adult Day Service Center

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HIGGINS N DAVIS P	ONTP OTP-AM	H-168

This bill provides one-time funding for start-up costs for the Maine Highlands Senior Center in Dover-Foxcroft to provide therapeutic adult day care.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-168)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, incorporates a fiscal note.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to the next special or regular session of the 128th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, S.P. 601.

LD 83

An Act Regarding Changing the Designation of a Parent on the Birth Certificate of an Adult

PUBLIC 5

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MIRAMANT D HYMANSON P	OTP	

This bill repeals the current law governing amendment of the birth certificate of an adult and creates a new process for amending an adult's birth certificate when genetic testing identifies a parent who was not known or listed at the time of the adult's birth and the genetic parent to be named on the amended birth certificate either consents in writing to the amendment or is deceased. The bill provides that amendment of a birth certificate without the consent of the genetic parent to be named on the amended birth certificate does not affect the rights of inheritance or descent.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 5 repeals the current law governing amendment of the birth certificate of an adult and creates a new process for amending an adult's birth certificate when genetic testing identifies a parent who was not known or listed at the time of the adult's birth and the genetic parent to be named on the amended birth certificate either consents in writing to the amendment or is deceased. It provides that amendment of a birth certificate without the consent of the genetic parent to be named on the amended birth certificate does not affect the rights of inheritance or descent.

LD 87

An Act To Require Screening for Cytomegalovirus in Newborn Infants

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BREEN C DENNO D	ONTP	

This bill requires the testing of all newborn infants for cytomegalovirus by a saliva or urine sample no later than 21 days after birth. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop public educational materials regarding cytomegalovirus for pregnant women and women who may become pregnant.