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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 Insurance and Financial Services

LD 556 **Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 191: Health Maintenance Organizations and of the Final Repeal of Chapter 750: Standardized Health Plans, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance**

**RESOLVE 8
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

OTP

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 191: Health Maintenance Organizations and of the final repeal of Chapter 750: Standardized Health Plans, major substantive rules of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2017, chapter 8 authorizes final adoption of amendments to Chapter 191: Health Maintenance Organizations and of the final repeal of Chapter 750: Standardized Health Plans, major substantive rules of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance.

Resolve 2017, chapter 8 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 30, 2017.

LD 592 **An Act To Enable the Maine Employers' Mutual Insurance Company To Better Serve Maine Employers by Eliminating the High-risk Program**

PUBLIC 15

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

WHITTEMORE R
FARRIN B

OTP

This bill eliminates the requirement that the Maine Employers' Mutual Insurance Company maintain a high-risk program. The bill retains the provisions that were contained in the high-risk program language regarding the filing of retrospective rating plans and making retrospective rating plans available to policyholders.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 15 eliminates the requirement that the Maine Employers' Mutual Insurance Company maintain a high-risk program. The law retains the provisions that were contained in the high-risk program language regarding the filing of retrospective rating plans and making retrospective rating plans available to policyholders.

LD 608 **An Act Regulating Employee Benefit Excess Insurance**

ONTP

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LAWRENCE M
WHITTEMORE R

ONTP

This bill provides that an insurer or a subsidiary of an insurer may not provide employee benefit excess insurance to an employer that is eligible for a small group health plan.