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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

Register.

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 1189 An Act To Define the Age of Consent for Alcohol or Drug Treatment and Mental Health Services CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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Current law provides that a minor under 18 years of age may consent to treatment for abuse of alcohol or drugs or for emotional or psychological problems. This bill provides that a minor who is 14 years of age or older may consent to treatment for abuse of alcohol or drugs or for emotional or psychological problems and does not need the consent of a parent or guardian for such treatment. It also provides that if the parent or guardian consents to such treatment of a minor 14 years of age or older, the minor may not abrogate that consent and that if a minor 14 years of age or older consents to such treatment, a parent or guardian may not abrogate that consent.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

LD 1205 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 21, Allowances for Home and Community Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services RESOLVE 15 EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-325

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 21, Allowances for Home and Community Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder, a major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services that was filed outside the legislative rule acceptance period.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-325)

This amendment provides that the Department of Health and Human Services may finally adopt portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 21, Allowances for Home and Community Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule, only if the rule is modified.

The first required modification to the rule is the removal of the requirement that a provider bill only for days on which a member is receiving per diem home support at 11:59 p.m. The rule must also clarify that there is no requirement that a provider bill only for days on which a member is physically present in the home at 11:59 p.m., to account for times when the member may be temporarily away from the home, for instance on a family visit. The modification must also clarify that on days when a member is transitioning between providers of home support, only the provider providing home support at 11:59 p.m. may bill for home support.

The second required modification to the rule relates to documentation for the audit of services provided. The proposed rule requires documentation showing the hours and the name of the direct staff scheduled to work with the