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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 129th 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 129th Legislature is Thursday, September 19, 2019. 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

requires the Department of Health and Human Services to report annually beginning January 1, 2021 on lead testing in schools.

LD 154 An Act To Amend the Law Governing MaineCare Coverage of Chiropractic Treatment CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY N MARTIN J	OTP-AM ONTP	S-37

This bill requires all chiropractic services that are within the scope of practice of chiropractic doctors and performed by a licensed chiropractic doctor to be reimbursed under the MaineCare program. Under current law, the Department of Health and Human Services is required to reimburse for only chiropractic evaluation and management examinations. The bill also corrects a numbering problem created by Public Law 2017, chapters 421 and 454, which enacted two substantively different provisions with the same section number.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-37)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, requires the Department of Health and Human Services to apply for a state plan amendment to allow for Medicaid reimbursement for all chiropractic services within the scope of practice of chiropractic doctors no later than January 1, 2020. If the state plan amendment is not approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, chiropractic doctors will not be reimbursed by MaineCare for any additional chiropractic services not currently eligible for reimbursement. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, H.P. 1322.

LD 177 Resolve, To Improve Access to Bariatric Care CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERRY A GRATWICK G	OTP-AM	H-472

This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide 16 new specialized bariatric care beds in one or more nursing facilities to serve individuals with a body mass index greater than 40.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-472)

This amendment replaces the resolve. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a plan to provide up to 16 new specialized bariatric care nursing facility beds by September 1, 2020. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause.

This resolve was reported out of committee and then carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, H.P. 1322.