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129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH COVERAGE,  
INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

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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 129<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 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 129<sup>th</sup> 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 Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services*

**LD 364      An Act To Establish the Right To Practice Complementary and  
Alternative Health Care Act**

**PUBLIC 265**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MIRAMANT D BROOKS H	OTP-AM	S-109

This bill establishes the Right To Practice Complementary and Alternative Health Care Act. The bill provides that a person providing alternative or complementary health care services who is not licensed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32 may provide health care services as long as the person does not perform surgery, prescribe medications, drugs or devices that require a prescription, perform chiropractic manipulation or falsely state that the person is a licensed health care professional. The person providing services must disclose certain information to the person receiving services and must collect and retain a signed statement granting permission to provide services.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-109)**

This amendment clarifies that a person providing complementary or alternative health care services is not a licensed professional providing health care services within the scope of a license.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 265 establishes the Right To Practice Complementary and Alternative Health Care Act. The law provides that a person providing complementary or alternative health care services who is not a licensed professional providing health care services within the scope of a license under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32 may provide complementary or alternative health care services as long as the person does not perform surgery, prescribe medications, drugs or devices that require a prescription, perform chiropractic manipulation or falsely state that the person is a licensed health care professional. The person providing services must disclose certain information to the person receiving services and must collect and retain a signed statement granting permission to provide complementary or alternative health care services.

**LD 366      An Act To Protect Elderly Persons from Financial Abuse**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FOLEY R		

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to protect elderly persons from financial scamming and abuse.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.