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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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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 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 Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

LD 367 **An Act To Amend the Definition of "Insurer" under the Maine
Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association Act**

**Leave to Withdraw
Pursuant to Joint
Rule**

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

This bill removes multiple-employer welfare arrangements from the definition of "insurer" under the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association Act.

LD 368 **An Act To Redefine Geographic Association for Multiple-employer
Welfare Arrangements**

PUBLIC 96

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| FOLEY R PERKINS M | OTP-AM | S-49 |

This bill replaces the requirement that a multiple-employer welfare arrangement based on geographic association must be established by an association with a principal office in a location within a 40-mile radius of the principal place of business of eligible employers with a requirement that the arrangement must be established by an association with a principal office located in the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-49)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment repeals the provision authorizing a multiple-employer welfare arrangement based on geographic association and removes cross-references to that provision. The amendment authorizes a multiple-employer welfare arrangement by an association with employer members representing multiple trades, industries or professions. The amendment also restores the ability of the Superintendent of Insurance to authorize a separate community rate for fully insured association health plans for multiple employers.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 96 repeals the provision authorizing a multiple-employer welfare arrangement based on geographic association and removes cross-references to that provision. The law authorizes a multiple-employer welfare arrangement by an association with employer members representing multiple trades, industries or professions. The law also restores the ability of the Superintendent of Insurance to authorize a separate community rate for fully insured association health plans for multiple employers.

LD 376 **An Act To Expand Health Insurance Options for Town Academies**

PUBLIC 424

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| DEVIN M DOW D | OTP-AM | H-199 |

This bill makes an employee of an academy approved for tuition purposes in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, sections 2951 to 2955 eligible for coverage under the group health plan available to state employees and other eligible persons.