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129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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 555**      **An Act To Reduce Colorectal Cancer Incidence and Mortality by  
Updating Screening Coverage**

**PUBLIC 86**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS P TEPLER D	OTP-AM	S-46

This bill removes references to the age of the patient for purposes of requiring coverage for colorectal cancer screening for asymptomatic individuals who are at average risk for colorectal cancer and instead requires coverage in accordance with the most recently published guidelines of a national cancer society. In addition, this bill requires coverage of all colorectal examinations and laboratory tests recommended by a health care provider in accordance with those published guidelines.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-46)**

This amendment makes the bill's requirements for coverage of colorectal cancer screening apply to health insurance plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2020. The amendment also adds language exempting the Act from the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 2752.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 86 removes references to the age of the patient for purposes of requiring coverage for colorectal cancer screening for asymptomatic individuals who are at average risk for colorectal cancer and instead requires coverage in accordance with the most recently published guidelines of a national cancer society. In addition, the law requires coverage of all colorectal examinations and laboratory tests recommended by a health care provider in accordance with those published guidelines.

Public Law 2019, chapter 86 applies to health insurance plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2020.

**LD 558**      **An Act To Amend the Continuing Education Requirements for  
Prescribers of Opioid Medication**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HYMANSON P	ONTP	

This bill will reduce the amount of opioid prescribing education required of prescribers from three hours per license cycle of two years to one hour per license cycle of two years after the licensee has completed an initial three-hour requirement. It will also require the licensing boards to adopt rules consistent with the reduction in the amount of required prescribing education.

**LD 566**      **An Act To Protect Vulnerable Adults from Financial Exploitation**

**PUBLIC 17**

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

This bill requires reporting to the Securities Administrator within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Securities and the Department of Health and Human Services by qualified individuals who