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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 Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

- 8. Clarifies that the terms of the loan agreement under the program apply notwithstanding any other state or federal law to the contrary;
- 9. Requires that an eligible financial institution disclose that loan information may be shared with FAME;
- 10. Clarifies that loans may not be made under the program after a shutdown ends;
- 11. Requires that the transfer from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund happen no later than 14 days following the effective date of this legislation instead of no later than February 15, 2019;
- 12. Requires that the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs consult with the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services before reporting out any legislation to address funding needs for the program; and
- 13. Corrects an error in the allocations section of the bill.

This bill was again carried over, still on the Special Appropriations Table, to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

LD 519 An Act To Expand Adult Dental Health Insurance Coverage CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BROOKS H		

This bill was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

This bill expands the availability of coverage for comprehensive dental services.

Part A of the bill broadens the scope of required coverage under the MaineCare program for adults. Under current law, coverage for adults over age 21 is limited to certain services.

Part B of the bill requires health insurance carriers to provide coverage for comprehensive dental services. Part B applies to policies and contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2020.

Part C of the bill requires dentists as a condition of license renewal to adopt and implement policies to provide comprehensive dental services through charity care or financial assistance to persons without MaineCare coverage or private health insurance. Part C also authorizes the Board of Dental Practice to adopt rules relating to this requirement.

This bill, which had been voted but not yet reported out of committee, was carried over in committee to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

LD 594 An Act To Promote Individual Savings Accounts through a Public-Private Partnership CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VITELLIE TEPLER D		

Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

This bill was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129 Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322

This bill establishes the Maine Retirement Savings Board and authorizes the board to develop a program to offer individual defined contribution retirement accounts for persons employed in the State who do not have access to a qualified retirement plan through their employers or who are self-employed.

This bill, which had been voted but not yet reported out of committee, was carried over in committee to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

LD 598 An Act Regulating Employee Benefit Excess Insurance

Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAWRENCE M	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

This bill provides that an insurer or a subsidiary of an insurer may not provide employee benefit excess insurance to an employer that is eligible for a small group health plan.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-404)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and replaces the bill. The amendment sets forth requirements for rating of employee benefit excess insurance offered to small employers and for reporting information related to employee benefit excess insurance for small employers to the Superintendent of Insurance.

Committee Amendment "A" was not adopted.

LD 1085 An Act To Ensure That Maine Residents Have Adequate and Affordable Access to Health Care

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SANBORN L HUBBELL B	ONTP	

This bill was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

This bill, which is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposes to ensure that consumer protections in health insurance are maintained under state law.