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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

This bill provides for pharmacist substitution of interchangeable biological products for prescribed biological products in a manner similar to the current regulation of generic drug substitution. The bill defines "biological product" and "interchangeable biological product."

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 34 provides for pharmacist substitution of interchangeable biological products for prescribed biological products in a manner similar to the current regulation of generic drug substitution. The law also defines "biological product" and "interchangeable biological product."

LD 688 An Act To Set Maine Dental Provider Licensing Fees

PUBLIC 92

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MASTRACCIO A	OTP-AM	H-112

This bill provides that the total fee for a dental hygienist license, together with any additional authorities, may not exceed \$150.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-112)

This amendment replaces the bill and clarifies the maximum licensing fees for dental providers. The amendment provides that the maximum fee for an initial license or a license renewal for a dentist and for a sedation permit is \$1,000 and that the maximum fee for an initial license or a license renewal for a dental hygienist is \$200; otherwise the maximum fee of \$550 for any one purpose under current law continues to apply.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 92 provides that the maximum fee for an initial license or a license renewal for a dentist and for a sedation permit is \$1,000 and that the maximum fee for an initial license or a license renewal for a dental hygienist is \$200; otherwise the maximum fee of \$550 for any one purpose under current law continues to apply.

LD 705 An Act Regarding the Process for Obtaining Prior Authorization for Health Insurance Purposes

PUBLIC 273

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GRATWICK G HYMANSON P	OTP-AM	S-175

This bill amends the prior authorization process for health insurance carriers. It reduces the time frame for a carrier's response to a prior authorization request and it exempts medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder from prior authorization requirements.

The bill also requires a health insurance carrier to develop an electronic transmission system for prior authorization of prescription drug orders by January 1, 2020 and for medical services by July 1, 2020.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-175)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment does the following to amend the prior authorization process for health insurance carriers.

1. It reduces the time frame for a carrier's response to a prior authorization request from 2 business days to 72