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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 and Human Services

LD 763 An Act To Ensure the Availability of Community Integration Services

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TALBOT ROSS R MOORE M	OTP-AM ONTP	H-252 S-162 GRATWICK G

This bill provides funding to increase reimbursement rates in the Department of Health and Human Services rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 17 for community integration services to \$24.25 per quarter-hour.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-252)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the appropriations and allocations section.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-162)

This amendment removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause, changes the date by which the reimbursement rate increase must start to October 1, 2019 and reduces the appropriation for fiscal year 2019-20 due to the delayed start.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, H.P. 1322.

LD 765 Resolve, To Review Asset Limits for Social Service Programs

RESOLVE 41

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MADIGAN C GRATWICK G	OTP-AM	H-247

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to review asset limits for social service programs and revise the limits to increase the effectiveness of the programs.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-247)

The amendment replaces the resolve. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a stakeholder group to examine the asset limits for eligibility applied to the elderly low-cost drug program, the Medicare savings program, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program and the statewide food supplement program, otherwise known as SNAP. The department and stakeholder group are required to examine the asset limits to determine if they meet the missions of the programs or present barriers and to determine compliance with federal laws and guidelines. The department is required to submit a report, together with its findings, legislative recommendations and any rulemaking activities to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than December 1, 2019.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2019, chapter 41 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a stakeholder group to examine the asset limits for eligibility applied to the elderly low-cost drug program, the Medicare savings program, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program and the statewide food supplement program, otherwise known as SNAP. The department and stakeholder group are required to examine the asset limits to determine if they meet the missions of the programs or present barriers and to determine compliance with federal laws and guidelines. The department is required to submit a report, together with its findings, legislative recommendations