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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

- 3. It removes the requirement for an applicant to demonstrate good moral character as that requirement is not required for applicants for other licenses issued by the board.
- 4. It removes the language authorizing the board to adopt rules related to exceptions to licensure.
- 5. It clarifies that, if there is a change in the supervision of a chiropractic intern, the intern must immediately cease to practice and must notify the board within 10 days.
- 6. It specifies that a chiropractic intern may not provide services without the written informed consent of the individual receiving chiropractic services.
- 7. It removes the requirement that an intern display the intern's license to be consistent with the requirements for other license categories.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 187 establishes a new temporary license for chiropractic interns. The law states that a chiropractic intern may not provide services except under the supervision of a chiropractic doctor and with the informed written consent of the individual receiving chiropractic services. The law also sets forth the credentialing requirements for licensure and the process by which an applicant may gain licensure.

LD 884 An Act To Repeal the Board of Licensing of Dietetic Practice ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| SAMPSON H | ONTP | |

This bill repeals the law regulating dieticians and the practice of dietetics.

LD 899 An Act To Increase Access to Health Care by Attracting Qualified Physicians to Maine ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| COREY P MOORE M | ONTP | |

This bill amends the law regarding the temporary licensure of physicians to require the temporary licensure of a physician within 60 days of application for a temporary license when the Board of Licensure in Medicine determines temporary licensure of the physician is necessary to provide relief for a local or national emergency or for a situation in which the number of physicians is insufficient to supply adequate medical services or for the purpose of permitting the physician to serve as locum tenens for another physician. It reduces the fee for the temporary license from \$400 to \$100.