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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 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 and Human Services*

This resolve establishes the Study Commission to Assess Housing Needs of Persons with Mental Health Challenges and Substance Use Disorder and requires the study commission to assess the housing needs of persons who are living with mental health challenges and who have substance use disorder, with a focus on the needs of such individuals located in rural Maine. The study commission is required to explore methods of expanding the options and availability of housing for such individuals, including options that support the unique housing needs of such individuals, and report its findings and recommendations to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

### **LD 966      An Act To Ensure Safer Childhood Vaccines**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HARRINGTON M	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to require that patient intake forms used by all health care facilities, including hospitals, emergency rooms, urgent care facilities, health care clinics and doctor's offices, include a question on the form regarding the date of the patient's most recent vaccine. This vaccine-related information will then be provided to the United States Department of Health and Human Services to aid its efforts to ensure safer childhood vaccines.

### **LD 972      Resolve, To Increase Access to Brain Injury Waiver Services**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WARREN C	OTP-AM	H-245

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to increase the rates for services provided to MaineCare members receiving Home Support (Residential Habilitation) Level I under the brain injury waiver, rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 18, to no less than \$8.63 per quarter hour. It also allows up to 400 units of care coordination each year rather than only in the first year of receiving services under the waiver. The Department of Health and Human Services is directed to explore opportunities to provide additional telehealth services, including care coordination services, provided by both licensed medical personnel and nonlicensed personnel.

#### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-245)**

This amendment clarifies that the Department of Health and Human Services must seek approval from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to amend the brain injury waiver to increase rates for Home Support (Residential Habilitation) Level I to no less than \$8.63 per quarter hour. It also requires the department to include any findings from exploring telehealth opportunities for brain injury services to be submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters as part of the annual telehealth report. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This resolve 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.