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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 adds a provision in the individual and group life insurance and health insurance and health maintenance organization provisions in the Maine Insurance Code that prohibits the inclusion or enforcement of a contract provision allowing the insurer sole or absolute discretion to interpret the terms of the insurance contract.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-89)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment prohibits the inclusion or enforcement of a contract provision in individual and group disability income insurance policies allowing the insurer sole or absolute discretion to interpret the insurance contract.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 179 prohibits the inclusion or enforcement of a contract provision in individual and group disability income insurance policies allowing the insurer sole or absolute discretion to interpret the insurance contract.

LD 1105 An Act To Allow Acupuncture Detoxification Specialists To Administer PUBLIC 269
an Auricular Acupuncture Treatment for Substance Use and
Co-occurring Disorders

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERRY A CLAXTON N	OTP-AM	H-337

This bill directs the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Board of Complementary Health Care Providers to license acupuncture detoxification specialists and establishes standards for the provision of auricular acupuncture detoxification. The bill directs the board to adopt rules to implement the requirements.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-337)

This amendment replaces the bill and directs the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Board of Complementary Health Care Providers to license acupuncture detoxification specialists. The amendment also establishes standards for the provision of auricular acupuncture detoxification.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 269 directs the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Board of Complementary Health Care Providers to license acupuncture detoxification specialists. The law also establishes standards for the provision of auricular acupuncture detoxification.

LD 1138 An Act To Ensure Health Insurance Coverage for Treatment for CARRIED OVER
Childhood Postinfectious Neuroimmune Disorders Including Pediatric
Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal
Infections and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This bill requires health insurance coverage for treatment of childhood postinfectious neuroimmune disorders, a group of medical conditions that includes autoinflammatory encephalopathic conditions including pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset