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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

The requirements of Public Law 2019, chapter 289 apply to health insurance policies issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2020.

LD 1264 **An Act Relating to Insurance Coverage for Screening Mammograms** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| BREEN C | ONTP | |

This bill amends the definition of "screening mammogram" to include 3-dimensional tomosynthesis for purposes of required health insurance coverage and reimbursement by individual plans, group plans, health maintenance organizations and nonprofit hospital and medical service organizations.

LD 1272 **An Act To Increase Access to Low-cost Prescription Drugs** **PUBLIC 472**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| JACKSON T GIDEON S | OTP-AM ONTP | S-250 |

This bill establishes a wholesale importation program for prescription drugs from Canada by or on behalf of the State in order to provide cost savings to consumers. The bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to design the program through rulemaking by January 1, 2020. The rules are designated as major substantive and must be submitted to the Legislature for final approval. The bill also specifies that the program may not be implemented until the State has received federal approval and certification. The bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to apply for federal approval no later than May 1, 2020.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-250)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It adds language to the bill directing the Department of Health and Human Services to consider whether the program may be developed on a multistate basis through collaboration with other states and to apply for and receive funds, grants or contracts from public and private sources.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 472 establishes a wholesale importation program for prescription drugs from Canada by or on behalf of the State in order to provide cost savings to consumers. The law directs the Department of Health and Human Services to consider whether the program may be developed on a multistate basis through collaboration with other states. The law requires the Department of Health and Human Services to design the program through rulemaking by January 1, 2020. The rules are designated as major substantive and must be submitted to the Legislature for final approval.

The law also specifies that the program may not be implemented until the State has received federal approval and certification. The bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to apply for federal approval no later than May 1, 2020.