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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

hypodermic apparatuses. It removes the changes to the requirement to distribute educational materials. It removes the requirement to distribute naloxone hydrochloride and other safer drug use supplies. Instead of requiring that a hypodermic apparatus exchange program have a board, the amendment requires a program to have a process or system to regularly seek input from persons with a history of drug use. The amendment also makes changes to the allocation of funds appropriated for hypodermic apparatus exchange programs. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This bill was again carried over, still on the Special Appropriations Table, to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

LD 1737

An Act Relating to the Retention and Hiring of Mental Health Staff at the Department of Health and Human Services

Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSONT		

This bill was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to enact measures designed to promote the hiring and retention of mental health professionals at the Department of Health and Human Services.

LD 1758 An Act To Clarify and Amend MaineCare Reimbursement Provisions for Nursing and Residential Care Facilities

PUBLIC 533 EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSONT	OTP-AM	S-265 S-368 BREEN C

This bill was passed to be enacted by the Legislature and then held by the Governor at the end of the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature. It became law without signature at the beginning of the Second Regular Session.

This bill is an emergency bill amending statutory and unallocated provisions to require the Department of Health and Human Services to amend the department's rules regarding MaineCare reimbursement of nursing facility and residential care facility costs, including:

1. Clarifying and requiring additional cost-of-living adjustments to reimbursed costs based upon:
 - A. The costs paid by nursing facilities for goods and services required to provide patient care;
 - B. The forecasted increase in the skilled nursing facility market basket index for the coming federal fiscal year published by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and
 - C. Any further changes to the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price