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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

federal TRICARE program providing health insurance to uniformed service members and veterans and their families.

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

LD 1939 Resolve, To Ensure High-quality Long-term Care for Maine Veterans ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
O'NEIL M LUCHINIL	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Board of Trustees of the Maine Veterans' Homes to increase the required staff-to-patient ratio at Maine Veterans' Homes for long-term care to three staff to 15 patients and the Department of Health and Human Services to increase MaineCare reimbursement rates for certified nursing assistants by 10%.

LD 1940 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Increase MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Targeted Case Management Services To Reflect Inflation CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MEYER M SANBORN L	OTP-AM ONTP	

This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules governing MaineCare reimbursement for targeted case management services to provide an increase reflecting cost increases from 2010 to 2019.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-750)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This resolve was carried over in the House to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

LD 1943 An Act To Protect Drinking Water for Low-income Maine Residents CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GRAMLICH L BLACK R		

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish and maintain a program through the Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory offering free well water testing for low-income residents of the State. It also requires the department to review recent research regarding arsenic toxicity and levels suitable for consumption and to amend its rules to revise the maximum contaminant level for arsenic to be consistent with that research.

This bill, which had been voted but not yet reported out by the committee, was carried over in committee to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.