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**STATE OF MAINE**  
129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL AND SECOND REGULAR SESSIONS



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.

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provision of law.

Committee Amendment "B" was not adopted.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 605 prohibits a health insurance carrier or dental insurer from imposing a waiting period for any dental or oral health service or treatment, except for orthodontic treatment, for an enrollee under 19 years of age.

The law applies to policies and contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2021.

**LD 1985      Resolve, Directing the Board of Speech, Audiology and Hearing To      ONTP**  
**Adopt Rules To Facilitate Speech-Language Therapy**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BELLOWS S HARNETT T	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Board of Speech, Audiology and Hearing to adopt rules to permit speech-language pathology assistants serving children in school districts to practice under the supervision of more than one speech-language pathologist and to allow speech-language pathologists to supervise up to three speech-language pathology assistants on their license.

**LD 1994      An Act To Promote Efficiency in Regulation of Consumer Credit      CARRIED OVER**  
**Statutes**

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

Part A of this bill amends application and renewal fee provisions for entities licensed and regulated by the Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection to allow the bureau to utilize rulemaking to adjust fees when necessary to fund the consumer protection and regulatory work of the agency or to reduce fees if cash balances in bureau accounts reach unnecessarily high levels. The bill also allows the bureau to use the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry to license or register regulated entities.

Part B of the bill authorizes the Superintendent of Consumer Credit Protection to appoint a deputy superintendent.

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

**LD 1995      An Act To Enact the Maine Insurance Data Security Act      CARRIED OVER**

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

This bill enacts the Maine Insurance Data Security Act. The bill establishes standards for information security programs based on ongoing risk assessment for protecting consumers' personal information. The bill establishes

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requirements for the investigation of and notification to the Superintendent of Insurance regarding cybersecurity events.

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

**LD 1996      An Act Concerning the Reporting of Health Care Information to the      CARRIED OVER**  
**Emergency Medical Services' Board**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SANBORN H GATTINE D		

This bill amends the laws governing the reporting of health care information to the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Medical Services' Board.

The bill allows the board to collect or receive health care information or records, including information or records that identify a patient. The bill requires hospitals and physicians, upon request by the board for the purpose of evaluating follow-up assessment and treatment by physicians and hospitals and determining health outcomes, to provide health care information concerning individuals who have received emergency medical treatment.

The bill also makes the reportable health care information confidential. Personally identifiable trauma information is already confidential.

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

**LD 2007      An Act To Enact the Made for Maine Health Coverage Act and Improve      PUBLIC 653**  
**Health Choices in Maine**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GIDEON S JACKSON T	OTP-AM	H-765

This bill:

1. Establishes the Made for Maine Health Coverage Act;
2. Establishes the Maine Health Insurance Marketplace Trust Fund;
3. Authorizes the State to enter into state-federal health coverage partnerships that support the availability of affordable health coverage;
4. Establishes a pooled market for individual health plans and small group health plans and changes reinsurance to be retrospective and applied to the pooled market; and
5. Creates clear choice design for cost sharing and requires coverage of certain primary care and behavioral health visits without the application of any deductible.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-765)**