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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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH COVERAGE,  
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 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.

*Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services*

The law prohibits a health care entity from charging any fee for the transfer of a patient between providers or for the transfer of patient records between providers unless the fee is disclosed and directly related to the costs associated with making that transfer of the patient or the patient's medical records.

Public Law 2019, chapter 670 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 18, 2020.

**LD 2116 An Act To Improve Prescription Information Access**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This bill requires a two-dimensional machine-scannable barcode that allows a patient to digitally access prescription information to appear on the prescription label. It also makes a clarifying technical correction.

**LD 2133 An Act To Implement Recommendations for Review of the Licensing Laws for Certain Licensed Health Professionals Pursuant to the State Government Evaluation Act**

**CARRIED OVER**

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

This bill was reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 955, subsection 4.

The bill implements recommendations related to the committee's review of the Board of Licensure in Medicine, the Board of Osteopathic Licensure, the State Board of Nursing, the State Board of Optometry and the Board of Dental Practice.

The bill directs each board, in consultation with interested parties, to review the licensing laws and rules for the board and to recommend changes to update those laws and rules no later than February 15, 2021. The bill authorizes the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health coverage, insurance and financial services matters to report out a bill to the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature based on the board's recommendations.

The committee reported the bill out for the sole purpose of turning the recommendations into a printed bill that could be referred to the committee for an appropriate public hearing and subsequent processing in the normal course. The committee took this action to ensure clarity and transparency in the legislative review of this bill.

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.