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129TH 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 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

LD 2143 An Act Regarding Travel Insurance in the Maine Insurance Code

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)

MORRIS J

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill amends the laws governing the sale of travel insurance in the State.

The bill:

1. Defines necessary terms;
2. Provides that travel insurance must be classified and filed under an inland marine line of insurance subject to certain exceptions;
3. Amends the license requirements for selling travel insurance;
4. Assesses a premium tax on travel insurance premiums and establishes reporting requirements;
5. Establishes requirements for travel protection plans;
6. Establishes sales practices for travel insurers;
7. Establishes requirements for travel administrators for travel insurance; and
8. Authorizes the Superintendent of Insurance to adopt rules relating to the sale of travel insurance.

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 2146 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Board of Dental Practice Related to the Definitions of "Supervision" and "Teledentistry"

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill was reported by the committee to implement the recommendations of the Board of Dental Practice that were included in the report required by Public Law 2019, chapter 388. This bill was referred back to the committee for processing in the normal course.

The bill makes the following changes.

1. It makes changes to the definitions of "direct supervision" and "general supervision" and makes corresponding changes to the activities that may be performed under direct or general supervision by a person licensed by the Board of Dental Practice.
2. It makes changes to provisions governing the delegation authority of dentists to unlicensed persons and to

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persons licensed by the Board of Dental Practice.

3. It adds a definition of "teledentistry" and authorizes oral health care services and procedures to be provided through teledentistry in accordance with rules adopted by the Board of Dental Practice.

4. It directs the Board of Dental Practice to recommend changes to the scope of practice for dental hygienists and dental therapists for the purpose of aligning current practice settings and reflecting advancements in the profession and technology. The Board of Dental Practice is required to submit its recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health coverage, insurance and financial services matters no later than February 1, 2021. The joint standing committee may report out a bill to the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature based on the board's recommendations.

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.