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Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH COVERAGE,  
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**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILLS AND  
SUMMARIES OF ENACTED LAWS**

This *Legislative Digest of Bills and Summaries of Enacted Laws* provides the disposition of all LDs and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Maine Legislature. Please note that all LDs and proposed amendments may be found through the Legislature’s webpage, and each includes a summary of what the bill or amendment proposed.

The *Legislative Digest of Bills and Summaries of Enacted Laws* is arranged alphabetically by committee. Within each committee section is a subject index of all LDs considered by that committee as well as a digest of the LDs, arranged by LD number. Also included are enacted law summaries of the LDs enacted or finally passed. Brief analyst notes on certain LDs are also included: a committee digest will indicate if additional notes are provided for an LD. These notes add information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this *Digest*; please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance. A separate section of the *Digest* provides a digest of the relatively few LDs that were not referred to a committee or reported from a committee as a committee bill; enacted law summaries of the LDs enacted or finally passed are provided. Finally, an appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

The final disposition of each LD is noted in the relevant summary digest and index. 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 and First Special Sessions of the 131st Legislature is Thursday, June 29, 2023 and Wednesday, October 25, 2023, respectively. 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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**LD 308 An Act to Require That Insurance Companies Notify Insured Persons over 65 Years of Age Regarding Coordination of Benefits with Medicare Part B**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 104 requires the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to approve the notice provided by an insurer that coordinates benefits with Medicare Part B coverage. The law also requires that the notice include a statement that the insured person may contact the bureau, the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 4326 or another relevant organization or agency for assistance in understanding coordination of benefits with Medicare Part B under the insured person's contract.

**LD 351 An Act to Increase Access to Birth Control by Making Certain Contraception Accessible from a Pharmacist**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 115 authorizes pharmacists to prescribe, dispense and administer contraceptives in accordance with the following.

1. It permits a pharmacist to issue prescriptions for self-administered hormonal contraceptives, including oral hormonal contraceptive pills, vaginal rings and hormonal contraceptive patches, and injectable hormonal contraceptives.
2. It requires a pharmacist to complete a training program approved by the Maine Board of Pharmacy that reflects evidence-based medical eligibility guidelines for contraceptive use.
3. It requires a pharmacist to obtain a completed self-screening risk assessment from a patient prior to issuing a prescription.
4. It requires a pharmacist to refer a patient to the patient's practitioner upon prescribing and, if the patient does not have a practitioner, to advise the patient to consult a practitioner. "Practitioner" is defined in the Maine Pharmacy Act as an individual who is licensed, registered or otherwise authorized to prescribe and administer drugs in the course of professional practice.
5. It requires a pharmacist to provide a patient with a written record of a prescribed contraceptive.
6. It requires the Maine Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules to further implement the law's provisions.