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

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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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10. It authorizes employees of the board to participate in the defined contribution plans offered by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System without requiring participation in the defined benefit plan offered by the retirement system.

LD 1085 An Act to Extend the Comparable Health Care Service Incentive Program Beyond 2023

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 224 continues the comparable health care service incentive program by eliminating its January 1, 2024 repeal date.

LD 1105 An Act to Ensure Lower Costs and Consumer Protections for Patients by Prohibiting Certain Billing Practices

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 382 prohibits a health insurance carrier from prohibiting a health care provider from providing an enrollee with the option of paying the provider's discounted cash price for health care services.

LD 1151 An Act Concerning the Authority for Pharmacists to Administer Vaccines

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 170 makes the following changes concerning the authority for pharmacists to administer vaccines.

1. It changes the age of a person to whom a pharmacist may administer influenza vaccines without a prescription from a person 7 years of age or older to a person 3 years of age or older.
2. It authorizes a pharmacist to administer vaccines recommended by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices to a person 18 years of age or older without a prescription and to a person 3 years of age or older and under 18 years of age with a prescription. Under current law, a pharmacist may administer other vaccines to a person 18 years of age or older with a prescription that states the vaccine is medically necessary.
3. It requires a pharmacist to provide a written immunization record to the person immunized and to notify the person's primary care provider within 72 hours. Beginning August 1, 2023, the

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law also requires a pharmacist to notify the state immunization reporting system within 72 hours of administering a vaccine.

Public Law 2023, chapter 170 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 15, 2023.

LD 1244 An Act to Define Undisputed Health Insurance Claims

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 332 adds a definition of "undisputed claim" as it relates to claims submitted by health care providers and health care facilities to health insurance carriers. Under the law, "undisputed claim" means a manually or electronically submitted claim from a health care provider or health care facility that contains all the required data elements necessary for accurate adjudication without the need for additional information; is not materially deficient or improper, including lacking substantiating documentation required by the carrier; and has no particular or unusual circumstances requiring special treatment that prevent payment from being made by the carrier.

LD 1266 An Act to Clarify The Producer Licensure Required To Act As A Pet Insurance Producer

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 225 authorizes an insurance producer licensed in a property, accident and health or sickness or personal line of authority to sell, solicit and negotiate pet insurance.

LD 1267 An Act to Provide Alternative Methods Of Payment To Health Care Providers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Under current federal regulations, health insurance carriers are required to process claims through electronic funds transfer if requested by a health care provider. Public Law 2023, chapter 232 codifies that requirement in state law for all insurance carriers potentially liable for payment of a claim submitted by a health care provider.