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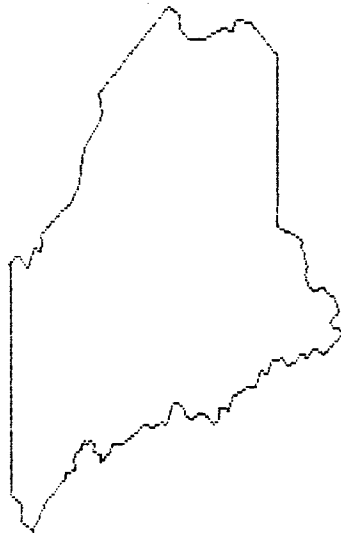


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(INSURANCE, continued)

Workers' Compensation Insurance & Self-Insurance

<u>LD</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
117	AN ACT REGARDING PREMIUM DISCOUNTS FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE OF SMALL BUSINESSES	BEAULIEU PERKINS, A POULIOT	(OTPA) PL 1983, c.157

SUMMARY: Employers with annual payrolls up to \$200,000, and under 60% ratio of losses to earned premium would be entitled to discounts of at least 8% on annual rates.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-26): Discounts may not be recovered in rates. (ADOPTED)

128	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE GROUP SELF-INSURERS TO ADD PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS	MARTIN, J PRAY	(OTPA) PL 1983, c.303
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SUMMARY: Eliminates requirement of approval of Superintendent of Insurance to the addition of members to group self-insurance plans.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-176): Adds provision to the bill requiring all members of the group to receive quarterly notices by regular mail of the termination of any members of the group, and notice at time of entry into the group that liability of the members will not be affected by the addition or termination of other members by procedures complying with law and group agreements and bylaws. (ADOPTED)

300	AN ACT RELATING TO ASSIGNED RISK PLANS IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	TUTTLE DUTREMBLE LEWIS BEAULIEU	LV/WD
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SUMMARY: Requires experience rating of the workers' compensation assigned risk pool, with surcharges of 8% to insureds with 100% or more loss ratios to earned premium, and discounts of 8% to those with ratios below 75%.

CROSS-REFERENCE: LD 117.

495	AN ACT TO REDUCE THE COST OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION RATES TO MAINE EMPLOYERS	MARTIN, J NORTON TUTTLE DUTREMBLE	CARRYOVER
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SUMMARY: Provides for exclusive state fund for workers' compensation insurance; certain self-insurance would still be allowed.

CROSS-REFERENCES; LD 497, LD 752 (and LD 1322, Labor Committee, providing for funded study of alternative funding mechanisms).