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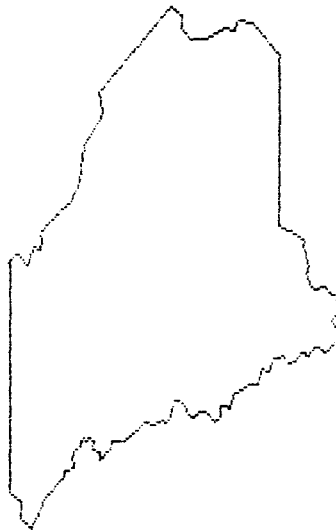


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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
**Labor**

BILL SUMMARY



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626 AN ACT RELATING TO ATTORNEY'S FEES Twitchell LV/WD(acc.)  
UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW

SUMMARY: Attorney's fees would be paid for the claimant in workers' compensation cases only if he or she prevails in the claim.

NOTE: See also LD 783.

634 AN ACT TO PRESERVE NEGOTIATED CON- Dutrenble LV/WD(acc.)  
TRACTS BETWEEN SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND  
VARIOUS BARGAINING AGENTS

SUMMARY: Seniority, layoff and recall are made negotiable items between public employers of teachers and teacher bargaining units.

NOTE: See LD 1350.

648 AN ACT RELATING TO SKIERS' AND Brown,K. LV/WD(acc.)  
TRAMWAY PASSENGERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

SUMMARY: Any skier accepts the inherent danger of the sport, as a matter of law, and cannot maintain a suit against the operator for injuries resulting from those inherent dangers; any skier has the sole responsibility for knowing his or her own ability and to conduct himself or herself within those limits.

672 AN ACT RELATING TO CHANGES IN METHOD Perkins, T. LV/WD(acc.)  
THAT UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS ARE CHARG- Brown  
ED TO EXPERIENCE RATING RECORDS Perkins, A.  
Zirnkilton

SUMMARY: Amends unemployment compensation law so that benefits are charged against a seasonal employer's experience rating only for the period in which the employer is operating rather than charging his rating for benefits based on an employee's wages over a full year working elsewhere.

NOTE: The topic of seasonality will be addressed by the study commission authorized under LD 490.

682 AN ACT RELATING TO PAYMENT BY AN EM- Dutrenble M-OTP(acc.)  
PLOYER WHEN A PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICA- m-ONIP  
TION OF ILLNESS IS REQUIRED Indef.PP

SUMMARY: An employer who requires an employee to get a physician's certificate to show that the employee's absence from work was due to illness must pay the cost of obtaining the certificate.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-31): Makes it clear that an employer is only responsible for paying the cost of an employee's visit to the doctor's office to obtain the required certificate, not for other visits to the doctor. (Carpenter) (Adopted)