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BILL SUMMARY



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706 AN ACT TO PROVIDE EQUITABLE TREAT- Brodeur ONTP(acc.)
MENT IN THE DETERMINATION OF MAXIMUM
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS

SUMMARY: Allows unemployment compensation claimants to receive up to the new maximum benefit amount when it is adjusted on June 1 of each year, rather than fixing it permanently at the maximum amount for the year in which the initial claim was filed.

707 AN ACT TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL PUB- Tuttle LV/WD(acc.)
LIC EMPLOYEES LABOR RELATIONS LAW Michael

SUMMARY: Makes several changes in the MPFLRA, including redefining of several terms, permitting negotiation of union security agreements, eliminating fact-finding from the collective bargaining process, and requiring arbitrators to make determinations on all issues, including monetary items.

708 AN ACT TO GUARANTEE TEACHERS THE Baker ONTP(acc.)
RIGHT TO NEGOTIATE SENIORITY CLAUSES
IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS

SUMMARY: Just cause and seniority rights are made negotiable items between public employers of teachers and teacher bargaining agents.

NOTE: See LD 1350.

709 AN ACT TO AMEND THE UNIVERSITY OF Tuttle LV/WD(acc.)
MAINE LABOR RELATIONS ACT Hayes

SUMMARY: Makes several changes in the U.M.L.R.A., including redefining several terms, eliminating fact-finding from the collective bargaining process, requiring arbitrators to make determinations on all issues, including monetary items, and establishing a procedure for the qualification of an employee organization to participate in an election to determine a bargaining agent.

760 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE SPOUSAL LEAV- Hobbins LV/WD(acc.)
ING PROVISION OF THE EMPLOYMENT
SECURITY LAW

SUMMARY: Unemployment compensation benefits made available to a person who leaves a job to follow his or her betrothed and who in fact marries within 2 weeks after arrival in the new location; existing law covers only those who leave to follow a spouse to whom he or she is already married.