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1041 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT EMPLOYERS Michael LV/WD(acc.)
HAVE A LEAVE POLICY

SUMMARY: Employers whose combined staff members work 800 hours a week or more must develop, publish and post a leave policy which states the conditions under which leave is granted; does not mandate conditions of that leave policy

1069 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A VOLUNTARY SYS- Nadeau LV/WD(acc.)
TEM OF SHARED-WORK UNEMPLOYMENT
COMPENSATION

SUMMARY: Establishes voluntary system of shared-work unemployment compensation under which an employer may elect to prevent the outright layoff of employees by reducing the wages of the total work force; unemployment compensation benefits would make up a percentage of the balance lost by each employee; designed to keep more people working during business slow-downs.

1079 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A WORKERS' Dutremble OTP
COMPENSATION HEARING EXEMPTION FOR Sewall PL 1983, c. 318
AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY Lewis
INSURANCE CLAIM DISPUTES

SUMMARY: Provides method for an expedited decision on whether an employer falls within an agricultural exemption, rather than requiring a full hearing.

House Amendment "A" (H-194): provides the same method for employers claiming an aquacultural exemption (Beaulieu).

Senate Amendment "A" (S-98): provides the same method for employers claiming an aquacultural exemption (Dutremble) (Adopted).

1096 AN ACT REGARDING BENEFITS UNDER Beaulieu LV/WD(acc.)
THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW

SUMMARY: Raises the minimum benefit under the workers' compensation laws from \$25 per week to two-thirds of the average weekly wage in the State.