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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
Labor

BILL SUMMARY



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1138 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM WAGE Connolly M-ONTP
 McHenry m-OTP-A
 Hayes H-acc. m. rep.;
 insisted on eng.
 with C-A.
 S-adhered to
 M(ONTP) rep.

SUMMARY: Increases state minimum wage from the current level of \$3.35/hr. to \$3.90/hr. in 3 steps over a 3-year period.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" raises minimum wage to \$3.50/hr. as of Oct. 1, 1983 but eliminates the further increases (adopted).

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-286): adds fiscal note (Beaulieu).

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-208): adds emergency clause and eliminates proposed increase; establishes study committee (Dutrenble).

1148 AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL HEALTH IN- Connolly PL 1983, c. 91
 SURANCE BENEFITS FOR INJURED MAINE Dutrenble (ND of LD 386)
 WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES Tuttle

SUMMARY of LD 386: Employer must continue the same general health insurance policies on the same cost basis for an injured worker and his family for 3 years from the date of injury.

SUMMARY of LD 1148: Does not impose duty for employer to continue coverage for 3 years; existing law gives a person 31 days after his coverage under group health plan to convert to an individual policy; this bill allows 30 days additional time to convert if coverage ceases because his employment ends as a result of an injury for which the employee claims workers' compensation benefits.

1170 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF Pray PL 1983, c. 115
 LABOR TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO ALL CLAIM- Carpenter (ND of LD 613)
 ANTS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE THE
 COMPLETE SET OF ALL DEPARTMENT OF
 LABOR RULES AND POLICIES GOVERNING
 THE DETERMINATIONS OF ELIGIBILITY
 AND PAYMENT OF BENEFITS

SUMMARY: All Dept. of Labor policies, rules, memoranda and instructions, rather than only promulgated rules, must be compiled to be easily usable by the public; this must be completed by July 1, 1984.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-27): Corrects technical error (Danton) (Adopted).

1204 AN ACT TO INCORPORATE LAST BEST Diamond, J. M-ONTP
 OFFER PROVISIONS INTO THE MUNI- Cox m-OTP-ND(acc.)
 CIPAL PUBLIC EMPLOYEES AND THE Weymouth See LD 1678
 UNIVERSITY OF MAINE LABOR RE- Hayes
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