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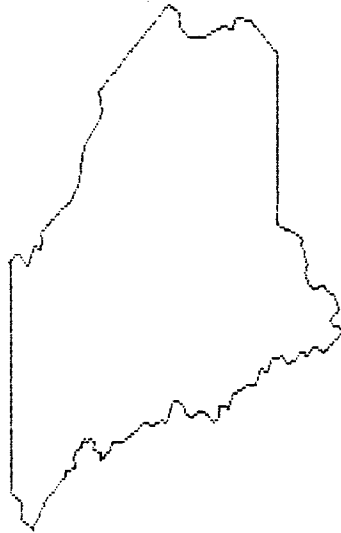


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BILL SUMMARY



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(INSURANCE, Workers' Compensation Insurance & Self-Insurance, continued)

<u>LD</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
1635	AN ACT TO CLARIFY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT	(HALL) ND of 1158	PL 1983, c.402

SUMMARY: Removes language in Act relied upon by Law Court in narrowing the independent contractor concept.

1647	AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE COMPETITION IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE RATES (After Deadline)	MARTIN, J PRAY BRANNIGAN CLARK, N	(OTPA) PL 1983, c.551
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SUMMARY: Provides for Superintendent of Insurance to approve maximum rates for workers' compensation insurance; deviations would be freely allowed below that rate.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-366): Clarifies that downward deviations in rates would be on a "use and file" basis. (ADOPTED)

1648	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE RATE FILING PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE (After Deadline)	MARTIN, J PRAY BRANNIGAN CLARK, N	OTPN(1758)
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SUMMARY: Revises the prior approval law for workers' compensation ratemaking; requires detailed filings concerning loss and investment experience of companies; forbids refiling for 6 months.

1758	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE RATE FILING PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE (After Deadline)	(MARTIN, J PRAY BRANNIGAN CLARK, N) ND of 1648	PL 1983, c.509
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SUMMARY: Changes a number of technical provisions of the bill, e.g., to clarify materials which may be compiled and reported in the aggregate; gives superintendent of insurance procedural rulemaking powers; allows downward rate deviations on a "use and file" basis (See LD 1647); allows "pass-through" of additional bureau ratemaking costs to the filer.