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1637 AN ACT TO PROVIDE WORKERS' COMPENSA- Twitchell OTP-A
TION COVERAGE TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL Jackson PL 1983, c. 554
SERVICES' PERSONS Roderick
McCollister

SUMMARY: Volunteer emergency medical services persons are made employees covered by Workers' Compensation Act.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-160): Restores coverage to firefighters who were inadvertently omitted from the bill; adds reference to independent contractors to avoid conflict with another law (adopted).

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-354): Workers' Compensation insurance premium charged an employer for coverage of its employees who are volunteer emergency medical services persons shall be based on annual payroll of not more than \$10,000, regardless of actual payroll (Beaulieu).

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to House Amendment "A" (H-390): Insurance premium shall not exceed \$600 per active vehicle annually (Beaulieu).

1660 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPREME JU- Hobbins PL 1983, c. 412
DICIAL COURT TO PROVIDE FOR COLLEC- Carpenter (ND of LD 392)
TIVE BARGAINING FOR JUDICIAL DE- Violette
PARTMENT EMPLOYEES

SUMMARY of LD 392: includes employees of Judicial Dept. under State Employees Labor Relations Act; Chief Justice of Supreme Judicial Court exercises employer's functions.

SUMMARY of LD 1660: authorizes Supreme Judicial court to propose appropriate collective bargaining procedures for Judicial Dept. employees and report them back to the Second Regular Session of 111th Legislature for further action.

1672 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE WORKES' COM- Zirnkilton PL 1983, c. 428
PENSATION LAW WITH RESPECT TO AS- Swazey (ND of LD 488)
BESTOSIS Gauvreau
Pray

SUMMARY: Re-writes the section of Maine's occupational disease law dealing with asbestos-related diseases to remove the barriers that prevent recovery under current law, such as the 60-day exposure requirement, the one-year limitation on filing further benefit claims, the 3-year rule, and other time limits; the law does not provide for retroactive payments of compensation, applies only to diseases caused by a last injurious exposure on or after Nov. 30, 1967, and does not apply to a worker covered under the Longshoremen's Act or the Federal Employees Compensation Act.