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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 111th Legislature. The summaries are arranged alphabetically, and indexed separately by committee.

| <u>LD</u> | <u>TITLE</u> | <u>SPONSOR</u> | <u>COMM REPORT</u> | <u>DISPO-SITION</u> |
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INSURANCE-Workers' Compensation: Enacted

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| 1864 | AN ACT TO CLARIFY DISPOSITION OF ASSETS OF MAINE SELF-INSURANCE GUARANTEE ASSOCIATION(EMERGENCY) | Martin, J | OTP-A | PL 1983, c. 649 (EMER: Mar.14) |
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SUMMARY: Section 1 designates MSIGA as a state instrumentality, in order to get favorable federal income tax treatment. Section 2 provides that upon dissolution of MSIGA, its assets will go to the State.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-479): Replaces section 1 to assure that the State doesn't become liable for obligations of the Association.
(Adopted)

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| 2001 | AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING PREMIUM DISCOUNTS FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE OF SMALL BUSINESSES | Beaulieu Perkins, A Pouliot | OTP | PL 1983, c. 659 |
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SUMMARY: Technical changes - changes reference to "rate" to be "premium"; defines "incurred losses" to exclude loss development factor. Clarifies that discount does apply to minimum premium.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-501): Technical clarification of "incurred losses" definition. (Brannigan)(Adopted)

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| 2043 | AN ACT TO DEFINE PRIMARY EXCESS INSURER PURSUANT TO SELF-INSURANCE UNDER THE MAINE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT | (DBOPR Bill) Dutremble Tuttle Brannigan Telow | OTP | PL 1983, c.668 |
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SUMMARY: Allows superintendent of insurance to require individual and group self-insurers to carry primary excess insurance, and for superintendent to provide by rule for the qualifications of those insurers. Such insurers would in turn be subject to the Maine Insurance Guaranty Association.

INSURANCE-Workers' Compensation: Not Enacted

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| 495 | AN ACT TO REDUCE THE COST OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION RATES TO MAINE EMPLOYERS | Martin, J Norton Tuttle Dutremble | LV-WD (Carried over from First Regular Session) | H&S:Accepted |
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SUMMARY: Provides for exclusive state fund for workers' compensation insurance; certain self-insurance would still be allowed.

NOTE: PL 1983, c. 479, s.31 (First Regular Session) provided for a special 3-member commission to study this and related issues and report to the Legislature by April 30, 1984. LD 2240 would extend date to June 30, 1984.

CROSS-REFERENCE: LD 497, 752.