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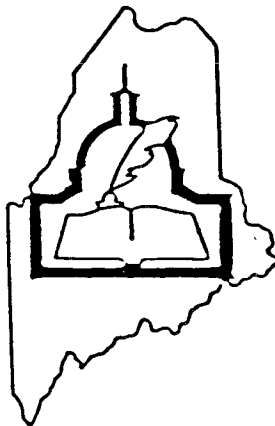
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BILL SUMMARIES
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD: 1063 AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION
SYSTEM AND REFORM THE RATE-MAKING PROCESS
ND: 1634

MARTIN J
PRAY
TELOW
GWADOSKY

OTP-ND HP1127 HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
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SUMMARY:

LD 1063 was the Speaker's bill on workers' compensation reform and incorporated suggestions made by the Speaker's Select Committee on Workers' Compensation. Highlights of the bill included the adoption of a uniform benefit scheme for permanent impairment benefits based on 75% of the state average weekly wage; providing for the coordination of workers' compensation benefits with other disability or pension benefits under an employer-financed employee benefit plan; repealing the requirement that the Workers' Compensation Commission use court reporters to transcribe testimony at hearings; permitting the Chairman of the Workers' Compensation Commission to set discovery timetables by rule; limiting the award of attorneys' fees to only those cases in which the employee prevails or the action is initiated by the employer or insurer; and providing for a comprehensive rehabilitation system under the Workers' Compensation Commission. LD 1634 is a new draft of this bill and incorporates much of the original bill.

LD: 1078 AN ACT CONCERNING THE WAITING PERIOD FOR THE
RECEIPT OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (BY REQUEST)

LEBOWITZ

ONTP HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
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SUMMARY:

LD 1078 would have eliminated the waiting period required before the receipt of unemployment compensation benefits.