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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:

1163

AN ACT CONCERNING 'CONSTRUCTIVE QUIT' UNDER
THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW

HEPBURN
DUTREMBLE
TARDY
PUBLIC
CH #420

OTP-AM

HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV

H-403

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SUMMARY:

The original bill would have amended the definition of voluntarily leaving work under the Unemployment Compensation Act to include the commission of any voluntary act which makes it impossible for the employee to continue in his job and which he knew or should have known would jeopardize his employment. This bill was replaced by majority report amendment H-403 which retitled the bill "AN ACT Concerning Incarcerated Prisoners and the Employment Security Law." This amendment disqualifies an applicant from unemployment compensation benefits if he lost his job because he was absent from work for more than 2 workdays due to his imprisonment for conviction of a criminal offense.

LD:

1201

AN ACT TO REDUCE THE COSTS OF WORKERS'
COMPENSATION

DOW

LU-WD

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill would have created a penalty against the employer, equal to the amount assessed against that employer for witness and attorneys' fees, whenever an employee prevailed in an action against the employer under the Workers' Compensation Act. The penalty money would be used to defray the costs of administering the Act.

LD:

1212

AN ACT REGARDING WORKERS' COMPENSATION
COMMISSION STAFFING

CARTER

HOUSE Emerg. Enacted
SENATE Emerg. Enacted
GOV EMER SIGNED

PUBLIC
CH # 65

SUMMARY:

This bill provides that positions in the Workers' Compensation Commission will be established, evaluated and assigned a pay range in a manner consistent with the management of other similar positions in State Government.