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### JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

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BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES JULY 1985

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 CA MAJ REP

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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

LV-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.