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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES MAY 1986

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

Ought to Pass OTP Ought to Pass in New Draft OTP-ND Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title OTP-ND-NT Ought to Pass as Amended OTP-AM Ought Not to Pass ONTP Leave to Withdraw LVWD Indefinitely Postponed INDEF PP

relating to that proceeding, and it allowed the final decisions of the appeal tribunal and commission to be made available to the public.

The new draft, L.D. 1961, corrects a minor drafting error in the original bill and also requires the names of the parties to be deleted from final decisions before they are made available to the public in order to protect the parties' privacy interests.

LD AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE CONSIDERATION OF SAFETY LVWD 1978 RECORDS IN PUBLIC BIDDING

Sponsor: BEAULIEU, Willey Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: L.D. 1978 would require the Department of Finance and Administration to adopt rules requiring the consideration of safety records for bidders on state public improvement contracts. These rules would have to include requirements that the bidder's recent history of citations for violations of federal or state occupational health and safety laws and rules, and any fines assessed for those violations, be considered in the awarding of contracts. The bill also required municipal corporations to consider the safety records of contractors who submit bids for local governmental public improvement projects, including work on town ways.

LD AN ACT TO IMPROVE RETRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ND LD 2122 2017 DISLOCATED WORKERS

Sponsor: MARTIN, Tammaro, Pray, Dutremble

Committee Report: OTP-ND

SUMMARY: See new draft, L.D. 2122.

LD AN ACT TO EXEMPT PRISONERS AND ADULT OFFENDERS LVWD
2024 WHO ARE PERFORMING COURT-ORDERED PUBLIC
RESTITUTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE
WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT

Sponsor: PARADIS P, McGowan, Joseph, Drinkwater Committee Report: LVWD

<u>SUMMARY:</u> L.D. 2024 would exclude incarcerated prisoners who perform restitutionary public work outside of a prison,

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or who perform "good-time" work within a prison, from the definition of "employee" under the Workers' Compensation Act. This would prevent a prisoner who is injured while performing this work from receiving workers' compensation benefits, and also obviate the need to purchase or provide insurance coverage for these persons.

LD AN ACT TO MAKE CLARIFICATIONS IN THE LAWS OF PL 1985 2033 MAINE RELATING TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT c. 601

Sponsor: MARTIN J, Begley, Pray, Dutremble Committee Report: OTP-A

H-560 CA H S

SUMMARY: L.D. 2033 corrects several ambiguities or errors that exist in present workers' compensation law. The bill set the salary range of Assistant Rehabilitation Administrators at salary range 81; corrected conflicted statutory language regarding major policy-influencing positions at the Workers' Compensation Commission; provided a definition of "sheltered workshop" which had been repealed in another section of the statutes; corrected a technical conflict involving the salary range of employee assistants; and provided for the appointment of Assistant Rehabilitation Administrators rather than having their employment fall under the state personnel system guidelines.

Committee Amendment A (H-560) deleted all references to Assistant Rehabilitation Administrators since the Personnel Department had already taken action regarding their status.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO GROUP ND LD 2273
2057 HEALTH INSURANCE

Sponsor: BEAULIEU, Hale

Committee Report: OTP-ND, ONTP

SUMMARY: See new draft, L.D. 2161.

LD AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE PROMPT PAYMENT OF BENEFITS ONTP
2097 DUE UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT

Sponsor: HIGGINS H, Michaud Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: L.D. 2097 is intended to encourage the prompt

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