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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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. The volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

LD 796 An Act to Improve the Employer Contribution Collection Process under the Employment Security Law

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
COLLINS ESTY HASTINGS CARPENTER	ONTP	

SUMMARY

LD 796 expanded the powers of the Bureau of Employment Security to collect delinquent unemployment taxes from employers in the following ways:

1. It raised the penalty for filing late payroll returns;
2. It removed the 6-year statute of limitations for assessment of tax contributions, interest, penalties and filing fees for employers who file no return or file a false report and it tolled the statute of limitations for employers in bankruptcy;
3. It authorized the bureau to pursue collection of a corporation's delinquent contributions, penalties and interest from an officer, director or shareholder of the corporation in specific instances; and
4. It authorized the bureau to effect a denial, suspension or revocation of licenses to conduct a profession, trade or business for failure to file reports or pay contributions, interest, penalties and filing fees.

LD 811 An Act to Modify the Provision Regarding Compensation for Partial Incapacity under the Workers' Compensation Act

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
EMERSON GOULD R A BENNETT	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill limited the payment of workers' compensation partial incapacity benefits to 400 weeks after maximum medical improvement or 413 weeks from the date of injury, whichever is less.

LD 818 An Act to Amend the Average Weekly Salary of a Seasonal Worker

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
THERIAULT PARADIS J MCHENRY	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill required that average weekly wage for seasonal workers for workers' compensation purposes be calculated by dividing total wages, earnings, salary and unemployment for the previous year by 48.