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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:

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