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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1991**

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 1052 An Act to Permit the Establishment of the Workers' Compensation Apportionment Arbitration Board ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PINEAU CONLEY COLLINS	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill established a Workers' Compensation Apportionment Arbitration Board for disputes among insurers regarding responsibility for incapacity resulting from a combination of injuries. Decisions of the board were final and not appealable.

LD 1059 An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act to Provide for Fair Minimum Benefits ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CONLEY MCKEEN	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill required that the minimum total incapacity payment for workers' compensation be no less than 50% of the state average weekly wage. It required that the minimum partial incapacity payment be based on the employee's average weekly wage of no less than 50% of the state average weekly wage.

LD 1073 An Act to Protect Private Sector Workers against Unjust Discharge LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CONLEY RUHLIN	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill prohibited employers from terminating employees except for just cause.

LD 1127 An Act to Increase the Probationary Period for Police Officers PUBLIC 182

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ESTY LARRIVEE CLEVELAND	OTP-AM	S-99

SUMMARY

This bill allowed municipalities and unions to increase the probationary period for police officers if an agreement on that issue is reached during collective bargaining.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-99) limited the extension of probationary periods over one year and allowed municipalities without unionized police forces to similarly provide for an extended probationary period.