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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
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>

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excluded from the protection of the collective bargaining laws.

This bill removed this exclusion, thus allowing employees employed less than 6 months the right to join and be represented by labor organizations of their own choosing and giving them full recourse to the Maine Labor Relations Board if their rights are violated.

LD 1246 An Act to Promote Volunteer Emergency Medical Services through Changes to the Unemployment Laws PUBLIC 193

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CARROLL D	OTP-AM	H-196

SUMMARY

This bill allowed volunteer emergency medical services persons to receive a stipend without jeopardizing their benefit status for unemployment compensation purposes, similar to the protection currently afforded volunteer firefighters.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-196) added a fiscal note.

LD 1248 An Act to Amend the Municipal Public Employees Labor Relations Laws CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ESTY CLARK N CAHILL M OLIVER		

SUMMARY

Current law excludes educational policies as matters that can be negotiated under the municipal public employees labor relations laws. This bill repealed this provision so that these issues can be negotiated within the collective bargaining process.

LD 1250 An Act to Provide Union Security Rights for Municipal Public Employees ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CONLEY TOWNSEND HANDY	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill authorized municipalities and municipal workers represented by their unions to enter into union security arrangements.