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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**MAY 1992**

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 far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

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

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, 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 1723      An Act to Protect the Health and Safety of Public Employees      ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
PINEAU TREAT CONLEY MCKEEN	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill provided that an employer may not require a public employee to work if that employee has reasonable grounds to believe that an unsafe condition poses an imminent threat to the health and safety of the employee. The bill required the Board of Occupational Safety and Health to adopt rules implementing this requirement.

**LD 1848      An Act to Prevent Unsafe Operation of Trains      ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
FARNSWORTH MELENDY	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill required that every train be staffed by at least two qualified persons capable of operating the train.

**LD 1995      An Act to Amend the Child Labor Laws Related to Specified Hours of Employment      ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
CLARK N GARLAND HASTINGS PFEIFFER	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill changed the child labor laws relating to minors who are 16 and 17 years of age to allow them to work 8 nonschool hours on Friday, since it precedes a day when school is not in session.

A similar provision was incorporated into LD 2213.

**LD 2043      An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Student Work Hours      ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
DAGGETT RICHARDS GOULD R R LIPMAN	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill clarified that the restrictions on the work hours of minors do not apply to high school graduates or people who have high school equivalency certificates.

A similar provision was incorporated into LD 2213.