

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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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 2178      An Act to Require Tentative Agreements to Be Considered a Part of the Arbitration Panel's Binding Recommendations      ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
HANDY JOSEPH PARADIS J RUHLIN	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill amended the Municipal Public Employees Labor Relations Law to require the arbitration panel to include in its binding determinations any tentative agreements negotiated by the parties.

**LD 2213      An Act to Amend Child Labor Laws      PUBLIC 713  
EMERGENCY**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
ESTY PINEAU	OTP-AM	S-575

**SUMMARY**

The original LD 2213 eliminated an ambiguous clause that allowed some employers to argue that the child labor laws do not apply to them because they operate on a seasonal or sporadic basis. The ambiguous clause was replaced with a clause specifying that the work performed as a summer camp counselor in a children's camp is exempt from the child labor laws.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-575) replaced the original bill and included many of the changes to the child labor laws that were in LD 2213, LD 1995, LD 2043, and LD 2136. Committee Amendment "A" permitted a minor 16 or 17 years of age to work up to 8 hours on the last day of the school week, rather than the 4 hours permitted under current law. It clarified the restriction on working during school hours as it applies to students in an approved home instruction program. The amendment also clarified that employees of a summer children's camp are exempt from the hours limitations, as well as minors who hold a high school diploma, a high school equivalency certificate, or who are legally emancipated. The amendment also restricted the number of work permits that may be issued to a minor of 14 or 15 years of age to one during the school year and 2 during the summer vacation. The local school superintendent was given authority to revoke the 2nd permit at the end of the summer. An exemption to the work permit requirement was removed for non-agricultural seasonal employment and a fiscal note was added.

**LD 2241      An Act to Encourage Workers' Compensation Insurers to Undertake Employer Safety Programs      ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
GOULD R A PRAY HUSSEY	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill allowed an employer of 10 or fewer employees to receive a refund on a paid workers' compensation premium in an amount equal to the cost of paying for employee attendance at a workplace safety program certified by the Bureau of Labor Standards. Insurers were authorized to offset credits under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 2366, subsection 7-A by the amount of the refund.