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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

JULY 1993

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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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

P&S XXX

RESOLVE XXX

CON RES XXX

EMERGENCY

CARRIED OVER

ONTP

ENACTMENT FAILED

INDEF PP

FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT

FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE

VETO SUSTAINED

UNSIGNED

DIED ON ADJOURNMENT

Chapter # of enacted Public Law

Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law

Chapter # of enacted Resolve

Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses

Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days

Bill carried over to Second Session

Ought Not to Pass report accepted

Bill failed to get majority vote

Bill Indefinitely Postponed

Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote

Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote

House & Senate disagree; bill died

Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree

Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Not signed by Governor within 10 days

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.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

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LD 1335 An Act to Bring the State Tipping Wage up to the Federal Tipping Wage

PUBLIC 233

SPONSOR(S)
MICHAEL

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-332

SUMMARY

This bill in effect sets the minimum wage for employees who receive tips at \$2.07 per hour starting on October 1, 1993 and raises it to 50% of the state minimum wage effective October 1, 1994. Under current state law, the minimum wage is set at the same rate as the federal minimum wage, currently \$4.25 per hour, and will increase as the federal minimum increases, to a maximum of \$5.00 per hour. The current state minimum wage for employees who receive tips is \$2.01 per hour and will remain at that level even if the state minimum wage increases. The current federal minimum wage for employees who receive tips is 50% of the federal minimum wage. This bill will gradually bring the wages of employers not covered by the federal minimum wage laws up to the same level as employers who are covered by the federal minimum wage laws.

The Committee Amendment (H-332) brings the wage for tipped employees to 50% of the minimum wage in one step rather than two and does so with language that sets the tipping wage in a more straightforward manner. The amendment also states that the Department of Labor is not required to update its printed notice at this time.

LD 1357 An Act to Make State Drug Testing Standards for Marijuana Consistent with Federal Standards

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
JOSEPH

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP MAJ
OTP-AM MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill was intended to make state drug testing standards on marijuana consistent with rules adopted by the federal government. It lowers the threshold for a positive test result from 20 to 15 nanograms of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol-9-carboxylic acid per milliliter of urine.

LD 1368 An Act to Establish a New Method of Workers' Compensation

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
VOSE

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have given the Workers' Compensation Board the authority to adopt rules for the workers' compensation system, including workers' compensation insurance, regardless of any other provision of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 39-A or any provision of the Workers' Compensation Rating Act. Any rules adopted would have to have been consistent with the general standards stated in the bill for a shared responsibility workers' compensation system.