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LABOR AND HOUSING**

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subsection 3-A, paragraph B. It requires the board to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters in the following ways.

1. The law requires the board, no later than April 1, 2025, to report on rebuttable presumption claims made by corrections officers and E-9-1-1 dispatchers.
2. The law requires the board, no later than January 1, 2027, to report on rebuttable presumption claims made by law enforcement officers, firefighters or emergency medical services persons. This report must consist of claims data for claims brought by these employees under Title 39-A, section 201, subsection 3-A, paragraph B prior to its repeal date of October 1, 2025.
3. The law requires the board, no later than January 1, 2032, to report on rebuttable presumption claims by corrections officers and E-9-1-1 dispatchers. This report must consist of claims data for claims brought by these employees under Title 39-A, section 201, subsection 3-A, paragraph B prior to its repeal date of October 1, 2025.

The law specifies the information that must be included in the three reports and authorizes the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters to report out legislation relating to each report during the session in which the report is received.

LD 1889 An Act To Amend the Whistleblowers' Protection Act To Ensure Coverage in Unionized Workplaces

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 589 changes the Whistleblowers' Protection Act in order to clarify its scope. The law repeals a section of the Whistleblowers' Protection Act that was interpreted by the Maine Supreme Judicial Court in *Nadeau v. Twin Rivers Paper Company, LLC*, 2021 ME 16, 247 A.3d 717 as a bar to enforcement of the Act in many cases in which a collective bargaining agreement is in place.

LD 1891 An Act To Continue Supporting Safe Drinking Water for Maine Families

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 726 provides one-time funding of \$400,000 in fiscal year 2022-23 for the treatment of contaminated private drinking water wells.