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1	L.D. 1521
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7	STATE OF MAINE SENATE
9	114TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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13	SENATE AMENDMENT " $^{\rm B}$ " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 550, L.D. 1521, Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Definition of
15	Seasonal Workers under the Workers' Compensation Law"
17	Amend the amendment by striking out all of paragraph B-1 and inserting in its place the following:
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21	'B-1. Notwithstanding paragraphs A and B, the average weekly wage of a seasonal worker shall be determined by dividing the employee's total wages, earnings or salary for
23	the prior calendar year by 52.
25	(1) For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "seasonal worker" does not include any employee who is
27	customarily employed, full time or part time, for more than 26 weeks in a calendar year. The employee need
29	not be employed by the same employer during this period to fall within this exclusion.
31	(2) Notwithstanding subparagraph (1), the term
33	"seasonal worker" includes, but is not limited to, any employee who is employed directly in agriculture or in
35	the harvesting or initial hauling of forest products.'
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39	STATEMENT OF FACT
41	This amendment provides that employees who are employed directly in agriculture or directly in wood harvesting or the
43	first road transportation of harvested wood are considered seasonal workers under the Workers' Compensation Act even if they
45	customarily work for more than 26 weeks in a calendar year. The



SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 550,
L.D. 1521

1 amendment concentrates the potential savings under the seasonal
workers' provision in that area of the State's economy that has
experienced the highest workers' compensation insurance premium
costs.

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9 (Senator ESTY)
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