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12	STATE OF MAINE
14	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 121ST LEGISLATURE
16	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
18	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 992, L.D. 1350, Bill, "An
20	Act To Assist Seasonal Workers with Workers' Compensation"
22	Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:
24	'Sec. 2. 39-A MRSA $$401$, sub- $$1$, \P C, as amended by PL 2001, c. 235, $$2$, is further amended to read:
26	C. Employers of agricultural or aquacultural laborers, if:
28	(3) The employer has 6 or fewer agricultural or
30	aquacultural laborers or the employer has more than 6 such laborers but the total number of hours worked by
32	all such laborers in a week does not exceed 240 and has not exceeded 240 at any time during the 52 weeks
34	immediately preceding the injury; and
36	(4) The employer maintains an employer's liability insurance policy with total limits of not less than
38	\$100,000 multiplied by the number of full-time equivalent agricultural or aquacultural laborers
40	employed by that employer and medical payment coverage of not less than \$5,000.
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44	For purposes of this paragraph, seasonal and casual workers, immediate family members of unincorporated employers and immediate family members of bona fide owners of at least 20%

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "H" to H.P. 992, L.D. 1350

of the voting stock of an incorporated employer are not considered agricultural or aquacultural laborers. "Immediate family members" means parents, spouses, brothers, sisters and children. "Seasonal" and "casual" have the meanings provided in paragraph B, subparagraph (1).

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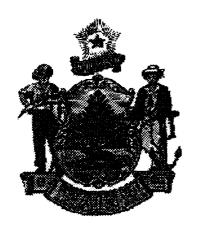
SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that the change to the definition of "seasonal worker" in the bill for purposes of determining average weekly wages does not affect the definition of seasonal worker in the provision of law that exempts certain agricultural and aquacultural employers from the workers' compensation laws.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)

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Approved: 04/16/03



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LD 1350

An Act to Assist Seasonal Workers with Workers' Compensation

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "
Committee: Labor
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - All Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The fiscal impact to the State as an employer is expected to be minimal since the State has very few employees in these categories.