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#### STATE OF MAINE

# ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

### JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

#### Business Legislation

#### BILL SUMMARY



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#### (INSURANCE, Workers' Compensation Insurance & Self-Insurance, continued)

LD	TITLE	SPONSOR	DISPOSITION
1635	AN ACT TO CLARIFY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS UNDER THE WORKERS COMPENDENTION ACT	(HALL) ND of 1158	PL 1983, c.402

SUMMARY: Removes language in Act relied upon by Law Court in narrowing the independent contractor concept.

1647	AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE COMPE-	MARTIN, J	(OTPA)
	TITION IN WORKERS ' COMPEN-	PRAY	PL 1983, c.551
	SATION INSURANCE RATES	BRANNIGAN	•
	(After Deadline)	CLARK, N	

SUMMARY: Provides for Superintendent of Insurance to approve maximum rates for workers' compensation insurance; deviations would be freely allowed below that rate.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-366): Clarifies that downward deviations in rates would be on a "use and file" basis. (ADOPTED)

1648	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE RATE	MARTIN, J	OTPND (1758)
	FILING PROCEDURES AND STAN-	PRAY	
	DARDS FOR WORKERS ' COMPEN-	BRANNIGAN	
	SATION INSURANCE (After	CLARK, N	
	Deadline)	·	

SUMMARY: Revises the prior approval law for workers' compensation ratemaking; requires detailed filings concerning loss and investment experience of companies; forbids refiling for 6 months.

1758	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE RATE	(MARTIN, J	PL 1983, c.509
	FILING PROCEDURES AND STAN-	PRAY	
	DARDS FOR WORKERS ' COMPEN-	BRANNIGAN	
	SATION INSURANCE (After	CLARK, N)	
	Deadline)	ND of 1648	

SUMMARY: Changes a number of technical provisions of the bill, e.g., to clarify materials which may be compiled and reported in the aggregate; gives superintendent of insurance procedural rulemaking powers; allows downward rate deviations on a "use and file" basis (See LD 1647); allows "pass-through" of additional bureau ratemaking costs to the filer.