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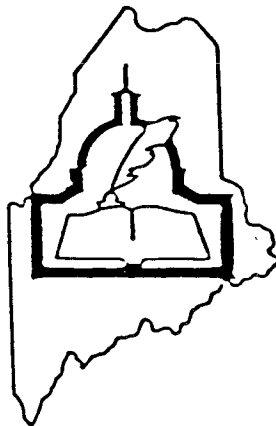
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BILL SUMMARIES
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD:

341

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT WORKERS' COMPENSATION
CASES BE DECIDED ON THEIR MERITS

WILLEY
TWITCHELL
ZIRNKILTON
TAMMARO

ONTP HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
 SENATE Accepted Committee Report
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SUMMARY:

This bill repealed the use of the rule of liberal construction in workers' compensation cases and replaced it with a directive to the courts and the Workers' Compensation Commission to construe each case upon its merits, favoring neither the employee nor the employer. See LD 1634.

LD:

368

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE STATUS OF WORKFARE
RECIPIENTS UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION
ACT

CHALMERS
MANNING
CARPENTER
WILLEY

LV-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
 SENATE Accepted Committee Report
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SUMMARY:

The bill was intended to clarify that workfare recipients are covered under the Workers' Compensation Act, to require the use of a single job classification for all such recipients for insurance purposes, and to limit workers' compensation coverage to medical expenses and permanent impairment benefits.

LD:

422

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE EXEMPTION FOR FARM
FAMILY CORPORATIONS FROM 4 TO 8 EMPLOYEES
UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW

BLACK
SHERBURNE
ERWIN E
DAGGETT

LV-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
 SENATE Accepted Committee Report
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SUMMARY:

LD 422 would have increased the present exemption for small farms (up to 4 employees) from the requirement to obtain workers' compensation coverage by allowing these farms to employ up to 8 persons and still remain exempt. See committee amendment H-156 to LD 1240.