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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: 444 AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE HIGGINS L
SUNDAY CLOSING LAW BEAULIEU

ONTP HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

LD 444 amends the Sunday closing law, if Christmas, Memorial Day, the 4th of July or Veterans' Day falls on a Sunday, the following Monday must be observed as a holiday.

LD: 447 AN ACT TO REDUCE WORKERS' COMPENSATION RATES JOSEPH
FOR UNARMED SECURITY GUARDS AND WATCHMEN MARTIN J
JACQUES
KANY

LU-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

The bill would set the workers' compensation manual rate for unarmed security guards and watchmen at 1/2 the rate for armed law enforcement officers. Because this process runs counter to the rate setting procedures used for other classifications the Committee did not wish to begin setting rates statutorily. Instead, it asked the Superintendent of Insurance to try to deal with the problem of the concerned employers through his informal powers.

LD: 454 AN ACT REGULATING TRANSPORTATION OF LAW
NONRETURNABLE BEVERAGE CONTAINERS INTO THE BLACK
STATE BOST

ONTP HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

The bill prohibits the introduction of nonreturnable beverage containers into Maine.

LD: 463 AN ACT TO LICENSE DIETITIANS GILL
ND: 1397 BUSTIN
TELOW
MARTIN H

OTP-ND SPO520 HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:
See ND LD 1397.

LD: 470 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE COUNTIES, MUNICIPALITIES AND OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO PURCHASE DEFERRED COMPENSATION INSTRUMENTS FROM FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, INSURANCE COMPANIES GWADOSKY
BALDACCI
SWAZEY

OTP-AM HOUSE Adhered to ENG W. CA
SENATE Adhered to MIN. (ONTP) Report
GOV

H-166 CA MAJ REP H

SUMMARY:

This bill would allow counties, municipalities and other political subdivisions to participate in deferred compensation programs now offered by insurance companies, investment firms and financial institutions licensed to do business in this State. Presently, these firms may sell these programs to private groups or individuals but not to political subdivisions. Only insurance companies and investment firms may provide deferred compensation plans to public employees. The state deferred compensation program remains unchanged.

The committee amendment (H-166) adds a section in the banking code authorizing financial institutions to offer deferred compensation plans subject to the institutions complying with the Bureau of Banking's rules on registration and training of employees.

LD: 471 AN ACT TO ALLOW EQUITABLE ADJUSTMENTS OF ASSESSMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE MAINE SELF-INSURANCE GUARANTEE ASSOCIATION BRANNIGAN
EMERGENCY

LU-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

The bill would allow the Association's board to make an apportionment among all self-insurers contributing to the Self-Insurance Guarantee Fund and allow the Association to obtain excess insurance.

Related bill: See LD 249.