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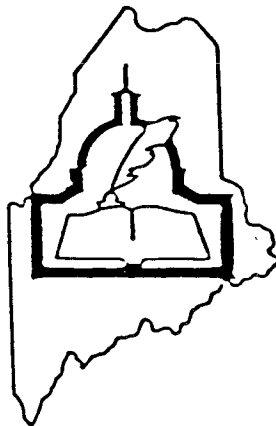
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BILL SUMMARIES
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th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

LD: 1255 AN ACT ALLOWING AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYERS EMPLOYING LESS THAN 3 PERSONS WEBSTER C DEXTER

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

SUMMARY:
 The bill would have permitted small employers who employ 2 or fewer employees in nonhazardous positions the option of not being covered by the Workers' Compensation Act.

LD: 1286 AN ACT TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE STATE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SYSTEM DOW

LU-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
 SENATE Accepted Committee Report
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SUMMARY:
 The bill required the Workers' Compensation Commission to report annually to the Legislature on the caseload and work record of each commissioner.

LD: 1319 AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW TUTTLE BEAULIEU HALE BLACK PUBLIC CH # 348

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted
 SENATE Enacted
 GOV SIGNED

H-286	CA	BOST	H	S
S-104	CA		H	S
S-113	SA	DANTON		
S-127	SB	DANTON	H	S
S-151	SC	DUTREMBLE		

SUMMARY:
 LD 1319 was the Labor Department's omnibus unemployment compensation bill. The original bill corrected several technical and grammatical errors as well as changing the definition of "wages" to make it consistent with recent changes in the federal definition of taxable wages, authorized the commissioner to issue subpoenas and administer oaths, allowed the department to retain a greater balance in the Federal Advance Interest Fund and to avoid payment into the Unemployment Compensation Fund if advances from the federal fund are expected in the following year, required an individual to earn unemployment requalification wages in employment by an employer, provided that a new employer pay unemployment taxes at the average rate of all employers up to a maximum of 4%, created new employer