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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-AM	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

LD AN ACT TO EQUALIZE THE STATE TIPPING MINIMUM
1939 WAGE AND THE FEDERAL TIPPING MINIMUM WAGE

PL 1985
c. 576

Sponsor: MICHAEL, Rydell, Hoglund, Bustin
Committee Report: OTP-A, ONTP

H-531 CA H S

SUMMARY: L.D. 1939 was intended to equalize the actual paid minimum wage for service employees under federal and state laws. Federal law only applies to establishments which have over \$300,000 in annual gross business and requires those establishments to pay at least \$2.01 in actual paid wages with the remainder of the minimum wage being made up by tips received by the employee. State law, which covered the smaller establishments exempt under the federal law, only required a minimum paid wage of \$1.78. The original bill attempted to equalize these rates by setting Maine's tipping credit at 40% of the minimum wage. Because of the difference between Maine's minimum wage and the federal minimum wage (\$3.55/hr. vs. \$3.35/hr.), this approach did not work.

Committee Amendment A (H-531) replaced the 40% credit with specific dollar amounts, adjusted to account for next year's 10¢ increase in Maine's minimum wage, so that both state and federal law require an actual paid minimum wage of \$2.01.

LD AN ACT TO REQUIRE EMPLOYERS TO NOTIFY EMPLOYEES
1953 OF THE TERMINATION OF GROUP INSURANCE

ND LD 2209
ND LD 2210

Sponsor: RUHLIN, Tuttle, Tammaro, Hale
Committee Report: OTP-ND, OTP-ND-NT

SUMMARY: See new drafts, L.D. 2209 and L.D. 2210.

LD AN ACT TO ALLOW THE DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN
1961 EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ADJUDICATORY RECORDS

PL 1985
c. 537

Sponsor: HALE, Ruhlin, Tuttle, Bonney
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1736

SUMMARY: The original bill, L.D. 1736, was intended to accomplish two goals. It allowed all parties to a proceeding before the Unemployment Compensation appeal tribunal and commission to have access to the files

relating to that proceeding, and it allowed the final decisions of the appeal tribunal and commission to be made available to the public.

The new draft, L.D. 1961, corrects a minor drafting error in the original bill and also requires the names of the parties to be deleted from final decisions before they are made available to the public in order to protect the parties' privacy interests.

LD AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE CONSIDERATION OF SAFETY LVWD
1978 RECORDS IN PUBLIC BIDDING

Sponsor: BEAULIEU, Willey
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: L.D. 1978 would require the Department of Finance and Administration to adopt rules requiring the consideration of safety records for bidders on state public improvement contracts. These rules would have to include requirements that the bidder's recent history of citations for violations of federal or state occupational health and safety laws and rules, and any fines assessed for those violations, be considered in the awarding of contracts. The bill also required municipal corporations to consider the safety records of contractors who submit bids for local governmental public improvement projects, including work on town ways.

LD AN ACT TO IMPROVE RETRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ND LD 2122
2017 DISLOCATED WORKERS

Sponsor: MARTIN, Tammaro, Pray, Dutremble
Committee Report: OTP-ND

SUMMARY: See new draft, L.D. 2122.

LD AN ACT TO EXEMPT PRISONERS AND ADULT OFFENDERS LVWD
2024 WHO ARE PERFORMING COURT-ORDERED PUBLIC
 RESTITUTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE
 WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT

Sponsor: PARADIS P, McGowan, Joseph, Drinkwater
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: L.D. 2024 would exclude incarcerated prisoners who perform restitutionary public work outside of a prison,