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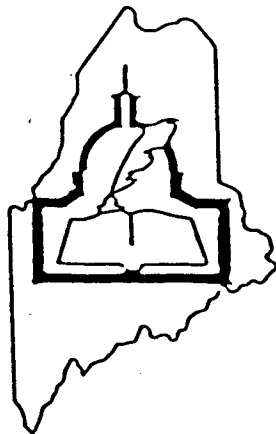
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged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

or who perform "good-time" work within a prison, from the definition of "employee" under the Workers' Compensation Act. This would prevent a prisoner who is injured while performing this work from receiving workers' compensation benefits, and also obviate the need to purchase or provide insurance coverage for these persons.

LD AN ACT TO MAKE CLARIFICATIONS IN THE LAWS OF PL 1985
2033 MAINE RELATING TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT c. 601

Sponsor: MARTIN J, Begley, Pray, Dutremble
Committee Report: OTP-A

H-560 CA H S

SUMMARY: L.D. 2033 corrects several ambiguities or errors that exist in present workers' compensation law. The bill set the salary range of Assistant Rehabilitation Administrators at salary range 81; corrected conflicted statutory language regarding major policy-influencing positions at the Workers' Compensation Commission; provided a definition of "sheltered workshop" which had been repealed in another section of the statutes; corrected a technical conflict involving the salary range of employee assistants; and provided for the appointment of Assistant Rehabilitation Administrators rather than having their employment fall under the state personnel system guidelines.

Committee Amendment A (H-560) deleted all references to Assistant Rehabilitation Administrators since the Personnel Department had already taken action regarding their status.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO GROUP ND LD 2273
2057 HEALTH INSURANCE

Sponsor: BEAULIEU, Hale
Committee Report: OTP-ND, ONTP

SUMMARY: See new draft, L.D. 2161.

LD AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE PROMPT PAYMENT OF BENEFITS ONTP
2097 DUE UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT

Sponsor: HIGGINS H, Michaud
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: L.D. 2097 is intended to encourage the prompt

payment of workers' compensation benefits by making the employer/insurer liable for certain damages suffered by an employee as a result of a delay in workers' compensation proceedings. If an employee was not paid within one week of the informal conference, and he later recovered benefits, the employer would have to reimburse the employee for any housing or personal possessions repossessed or insurance coverage lost on account of the delay in receiving benefits. The bill received a unanimous ought not to pass report in return for the passage of a resolve directing the Workers' Compensation Commission to study the causes of delay within the system. See L.D. 2309.

LD AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAID AND OTHER SERVICES ND LD 2274
2098 AND PAYMENTS PENDING HEARING AND DECISIONS
UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT

Sponsor: MARTIN J
Committee Report: OTP-ND-NT

SUMMARY: See new draft, L.D. 2274.

LD AN ACT TO REQUIRE PROMPT PAYMENT OF MEDICAL ONTP
2099 BILLS UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT

Sponsor: HIGGINS H, Michaud
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: L.D. 2099 changed the time period within which an employer is required to pay compensation for medical expenses under the Workers' Compensation Act from 90 days to 30 days.

LD AN ACT TO IMPROVE RETRAINING OPPORTUNITIES PL 1985
2122 FOR DISLOCATED WORKERS c. 591

Sponsor: MARTIN J, Tammaro, Pray, Dutremble
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 2017

H-561 HA

SUMMARY: L.D. 2017 extended the maximum length of time in which a person could draw unemployment benefits for up to 26 additional weeks as long as that person was in an approved training program; these benefits would not be paid if the person were eligible for similar federally-funded benefits.