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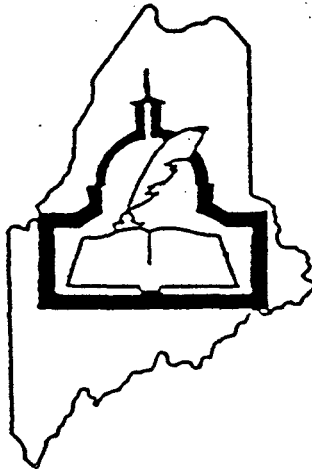
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
MAY 1988**

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. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::

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

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Laurette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.

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4. Restricted the award of total incapacity benefits to injured workers who are unable to perform any full-time work in the normal state labor market, regardless of whether that work is available in or around the injured worker's community, and delayed the cost-of-living adjustment until the 3rd anniversary of a worker's injury;
5. Established a duration limit of 400 weeks from maximum medical improvement for the receipt of partial incapacity benefits and eliminated the cost-of-living adjustment;
6. Established a "whole-body" permanent impairment rating system but continued to require permanent impairment benefits to be paid in addition to incapacity benefits;
7. Strengthened the right and duty of a worker to return to employment with his previous employer after a work-related injury;
8. Established a right and duty to participate in job retraining if the employee is not rehired by his employer after a work-related injury; and
9. Provided for a method of quick termination of an employee's benefits in certain circumstances.

LD An Act to Make Technical Corrections in the Workers'
1932 Compensation Act

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<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
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SUMMARY

LD 1932 provided an emergency clause which was inadvertently deleted by the amendment to LD 1929 (the workers' compensation reform bill) and corrected several erroneous cross-references in the Workers' Compensation Act which were created by new sections enacted in the reform bill.