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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
Second Regular Session**

**Joint Standing Committee
Bill Summaries**

June 1990

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 for 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. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

OTP
OTP-ND
OTP-ND-NT
OTP-A
ONTP
LVWD
INDEF PP

Ought to Pass
Ought to Pass in New Draft
Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
Ought to Pass as Amended
Ought Not to Pass
Leave to Withdraw
Indefinitely Postponed

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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Joint Standing Committee on Labor

LD 879

**An Act to Create a Standard for Respiratory Rescue Personnel
Who Are State Employees**

PUBLIC 606

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GREENLAW MARTIN J DUTREMBLE D PARADIS E	OTP	

SUMMARY

LD 879 requires all state employees who are required to use respiratory rescue equipment to receive training in the proper use of the equipment. The training must meet the OSHA requirements for firefighter training in the use of respiratory equipment.

LD 908

**An Act to Create a Workers' Compensation Logging Industry
Fund**

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GOULD R A TRACY MARTIN J PRAY	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

LD 908 proposed to create a Workers' Compensation Logging Industry Fund to reduce workers' compensation insurance costs for logging employers. The fund would be established by an assessment upon all insurers and self-insured employers in the state and would pay the costs of any logging industry claim exceeding \$25,000.

LD 1747

**An Act to Protect the Public from Unsafe Industrial and
Commercial Facilities**

VETO SUSTAINED

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MILLS JACQUES	OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	H-1050 MAJ REP

SUMMARY

LD 1747 was initially referred to the Energy & Natural Resources Committee which carried it over to the 2nd Regular Session. After being reported from that committee, it was re-committed to the Labor Committee. LD 1747 proposed to require any commercial or industrial facility that had over 250 employees and that used hazardous equipment or substances to cease operation if more than 1/2 of the employees at the facility had worked there for less than 6 months. The facility was not permitted to resume operation until the Bureau of Labor Standards had inspected the facility and found it to be safe for operation.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-1050) was the majority report of the committee and made several changes to the original LD, including the following:

1. Allowed the facility to continue operations while the inspection was conducted;