

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
AND  
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BILL SUMMARIES  
AUGUST 1991**

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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>LVWD</b>	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were 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.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

**LD 170**

**An Act to Increase the Death Benefits under the Workers' Compensation Act**

**ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
CLARK H  
MARTIN J  
MCHENRY  
PRAY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill increased death benefits from \$4,000 to \$10,000 and incidental benefits from \$3,000 to \$8,000 for employees who die as a result of the injury.

**LD 172**

**An Act to Encourage Family Unity**

**CARRIED OVER**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MCHENRY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

LD 172 required premium pay for work performed on a Sunday by any employee of a manufacturing facility with over 250 employees that normally operates for 24 hours a day. The bill did not require an employer to pay an employee who works overtime on a Sunday more than the double time required under the bill.

The Committee selected this bill from several similar bills relating to premium pay on Sundays to carry over.

**LD 173**

**An Act to Impose Mandatory Fines for Failure to Comply with Workers' Compensation Decisions**

**ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
GRAHAM  
TREAT  
KERR

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill assessed self-insurers \$100 per day and insurance carriers \$1,000 per day for failure to pay workers' compensation benefits after a decision requiring payment.

**LD 199**

**Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Use of Professional Strikebreakers**

**UNSIGNED**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MCHENRY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-185  
S-421 BRANNIGAN

**SUMMARY**

LD 199 established the Commission to Study the Use of Professional Strikebreakers. The commission would study the use of professional strikebreakers in labor disputes and evaluate its impact upon collective bargaining between employees and their employers.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-185) increased the appropriation in the bill to provide sufficient funds for contractual services and added a fiscal note.