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**BILL SUMMARIES  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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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. 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 434**

**An Act Related to Workplace Safety Incentive Programs**

**LV/MD**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
PINEAU	LV/WD	
RAND		
CONLEY		
TRACY		

**SUMMARY**

LD 434 prohibited employer safety programs which award prizes for working a designated number of hours without a workplace injury.

**LD 456**

**An Act to Regulate the Working Hours of Minors**

**LV/MD**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
PINEAU	LV/WD	
CONLEY		
ESTY		

**SUMMARY**

LD 456 decreased the total hours that minors are permitted to work in any calendar week and also prohibited certain minors from working night hours.

Provisions of the bill were incorporated into an omnibus child labor bill, the new draft of LD 905.

**LD 482**

**An Act to Protect Retail Sales Employees**

**PUBLIC 315**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
PINEAU	OTP-AM MAJ	H-325 MAJ REP
ESTY	ONTP MIN	
BUSTIN		
ST. ONGE		

**SUMMARY**

LD 482 provided that a prima facie violation of the Sunday sales law is established when an employer decreases the work hours of an employee who has refused to perform work on Sundays.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-325) clarified that a reduction of work hours is not a prima facie violation if the employer and employee agreed that the employee would work on Sundays at the time of hire, and added a fiscal note.