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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

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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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>ENACTMENT FAILED</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</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.

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

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LD 465**An Act to Coordinate Public Sector Occupational Health and Safety Regulations**

PUBLIC 50

SPONSOR(S)
RUHLIN**COMMITTEE REPORT**
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
H-54**SUMMARY**

This bill transfers rule-making authority on minimum safety standards for firefighters from the Director of the Bureau of Labor Standards to the Board of Occupational Safety and Health to ensure coverage of all public sector firefighters and improve consistency in regulatory authority, enforcement activities and appeals. The Committee Amendment (H-54) added a fiscal note.

LD 466**An Act Allowing the Bureau of Labor Standards to Enter into Reciprocal Agreements in the Area of Employment Standards with Other States**

PUBLIC 51

SPONSOR(S)
AIKMAN**COMMITTEE REPORT**
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
H-58**SUMMARY**

This bill authorizes the Director of Labor Standards to enter into reciprocal agreements with other jurisdictions to aid in the enforcement of employment standards violations, such as unpaid wages, when an employer's home office is located outside of Maine. The Committee Amendment (H-58) added a fiscal note.

LD 472**An Act to Facilitate the Payment and Collection of Safety Education and Training Fund Assessments**

PUBLIC 52

SPONSOR(S)
PINEAU**COMMITTEE REPORT**
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
H-53**SUMMARY**

This bill clarifies that the assessment for the Safety Education and Training Fund be made on the basis of the most recent calendar year for which data is available. The bill permits the establishment of penalties for late payment of up to 6% per year and provides that willful failure to pay the assessment is a civil violation. The Committee Amendment (H-53) added a fiscal note.

LD 480**An Act to Provide Flexibility in Establishing Payroll Schedules for Municipal Employees**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
BERUBE**COMMITTEE REPORT**
ONTP MAJ
OTP-AM MIN**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill would have removed the requirement that cities and towns pay their employees on a weekly basis. The minority report of the committee would have required the employer to pay its employees at least once every two weeks unless the employee agreed to a less frequent schedule.