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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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in session. Prior to 1991, the Federal Unemployment Tax Act required that the State deny benefits to those individuals. Public Law 102-164, Section 302(a)(1) and Section 302(a)(2) amended the federal law so that the states are no longer required to deny benefits to those individuals.

LD 1207 **An Act to Improve Standards for Video Display Terminal Operators** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BUSTIN	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have required public and private employers to implement minimum standards to avoid, alleviate or mitigate health and safety hazards for operators of video display terminals. These standards include safe workplace conditions, periodic maintenance of terminals, employee education and training programs regarding the hazards and symptoms of video display terminal operation and procedures for proper terminal operation, annual eye examinations and periods of rest or alternative work away from the terminal. Penalties of up to \$300 per violation are provided, with administration and enforcement by the Bureau of Labor Standards.

LD 1209 **An Act Regarding Veterans' Disabilities under the Workers' Compensation System** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ERWIN	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill was intended to ensure that a United States veteran who has a service-connected disability is not penalized under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 by that service-connected disability. It eliminates from the measure of disability any disability resulting from a service-connected condition.

LD 1307 **An Act to Clarify Responsibility for Workers' Compensation Coverage for Town Forest Fire Wardens and Laborers Hired for Forest Fire-fighting Activities** PUBLIC 439
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BAILEY H	OTP-AM	S-364 PEARSON

SUMMARY

This bill clarifies the responsibility for providing workers' compensation coverage to municipal forest fire wardens and laborers hired for forest fire-fighting activities in municipalities. This language was passed during the Second Regular Session of the 115th Legislature as Public Law 1991, chapter 753 but was not included in the revised workers' compensation laws.

The Committee Amendment (H-285) adds a fiscal note. The Senate Amendment (S-364) amends the bill by adding a mandate preamble and a fiscal note.