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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Labor*

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Summary of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is arranged alphabetically by committee name and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla/billsumm.htm).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

CON RES XXX.....	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE.....	Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES.....	House & Senate disagree; bill died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE.....	One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT.....	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
EMERGENCY.....	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE.....	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE.....	Bill failed to get majority vote
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT.....	Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY.....	Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
INDEF PP.....	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP.....	Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP-ND.....	Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
P&S XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PASSED.....	Joint Order passed in both bodies
PUBLIC XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX.....	Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED (Pocket Veto).....	Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED.....	Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 23, 2006.

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4. Requiring security systems with “panic buttons” for those businesses that are open other than during regular business hours; and
5. Creating a task force to improve workplace safety and reduce workplace violence. Members of the task force would include representatives from law enforcement, business, the Department of Labor, the Maine Human Rights Commission, the Society for Human Resource Management or a similar association of human resource managers and an advocate for victims of workplace violence.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-828) proposed to replace the bill and make it a resolve. It proposed to require the Department of Labor to coordinate a task force to conduct a study of issues relating to the workplace for the purpose of making recommendations for legislation to improve workplace safety and reduce workplace violence. The resolve would define the membership of the task force and would require it to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters with its findings, recommendations and any proposed implementing legislation.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2005, chapter 167 requires the Department of Labor to coordinate a task force to conduct a study of issues relating to the workplace for the purpose of making recommendations for legislation to improve workplace safety and reduce workplace violence. The resolve defines the membership of the task force and requires it to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters with its findings, recommendations and any proposed implementing legislation.

LD 1715

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Employees of the Workers' Compensation Board

PUBLIC 498

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-761

LD 1715 proposed to add the position of Deputy Director of Information Management and the salary range of the position to the list of salary ranges of deputy directors of the Workers' Compensation Board.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-761) proposed to incorporate a fiscal note.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 498 adds the position of Deputy Director of Information Management and the salary range of the position to the list of salary ranges of deputy directors of the Workers' Compensation Board.