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LABOR AND HOUSING

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## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HOUSING

### **LD 469 An Act To Ensure Safety across Maine's Construction Industry**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 465 requires a contractor or subcontractor with a public works contract with the State of \$50,000 or more to certify all craft workers who will be on the construction site have taken a safety training program that uses a curriculum approved by the United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration and that is at least 10 hours in duration.

It also requires a contractor or subcontractor to complete and submit monthly to the public authority that let the contract a signed statement of compliance that each craft worker has completed 10 hours of a safety program. The contractor or subcontractor is required to display at the job site an affidavit showing compliance. It also specifies that a contractor or subcontractor who willfully and knowingly violates the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 1317 is subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$250.

It allows the Department of Labor to adopt rules to implement this law.

### **LD 494 An Act To Change the Compensation Structure of the Maine Labor Relations Board and the State Board of Arbitration and Conciliation**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 421 adjusts the compensation structure for members of the State Board of Arbitration and Conciliation and the Maine Labor Relations Board. For the State Board of Arbitration and Conciliation, the law changes the per diem compensation for members of the board to provide that, when meeting to deliberate or vote with respect to a matter before the board, members receive \$150 a day per meeting for their services for the time actually employed in the discharge of their official duties and, for all other purposes, members receive \$300 a day for their services for the time actually employed in the discharge of their official duties. For the Maine Labor Relations Board, the law provides the board's executive director the discretion to provide the members' per diem compensation and related costs from the board's General Fund appropriation, rather than requiring the parties to a case to share the costs.

### **LD 509 An Act To Protect Teachers from a Decrease in Retirement Benefits Arising from the COVID-19 Pandemic**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 225 allows a teacher nearing retirement who experiences a reduction in income from the elimination of an extracurricular or cocurricular position due to circumstances