

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 887

H. P. 708

House of Representatives, March 4, 1975

Referred to Committee on Labor. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Concerning Replacement of Eyeglasses and Certain Other Prosthetic Devices under the Workmen's Compensation Statutes.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

39 MRSA § 52, 3rd ¶, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 788, § 222, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

In every case where any of said services or aids are procured by the employee, it shall be his duty to see that the employer is given prompt notice thereof. The employer shall then make prompt payment for same, provided said costs were necessary and adequate and the charges therefor reasonable. The employer shall furnish artificial limbs, eyes, teeth, eyeglasses, hearing aids, orthopedic devices and other physical aids made necessary by such injury and shall replace or renew the same when necessary from wear and tear or physical change of the employee.

Damage and destruction to artificial limbs, eyes, teeth, eyeglasses, hearing aids, orthopedic devices and other physical aids in the course of and arising out of the employment shall be considered an injury for the purposes of this Act. In case such physical aids in use by the employee at the time of the injury are themselves injured or destroyed, they shall be repaired or replaced by the employer.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act states that employers shall provide and replace eyeglasses and other prosthetic devices which have become necessary because of injury in the course of work or which need replacement because of work related injury or because of wear and tear.