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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
120TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "*A*" to S.P. 835, L.D. 2217, "Resolve, to Fund the Operations of the Workers' Compensation Board for Fiscal Year 2002-03"

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. Authorization to use reserve funds. Resolved: That the Workers' Compensation Board may, on a one-time basis, spend up to \$204,249 from the reserve account created pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 154, subsection 6 to allow the board to continue to contract for temporary worker advocate and clerical support services for the worker advocate activity in the regional offices and to fund the costs of approved collective bargaining in the Judicial Department. This is a one-time authorization and does not apply to any ongoing use of the reserve fund for these purposes; and be it further

Sec. 2. Maintenance of worker advocate positions. Resolved: Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 39-A, section 152, the Workers' Compensation Board may not reduce the number of persons serving as worker advocates from the level in place on April 24, 2002 without specific legislative approval; and be it further

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD

2002

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 835, L.D. 2217

2 Administration - Workers' Compensation Board

4 Initiative: Provides one-time funds in fiscal year 2002-03
6 from the reserve in the Workers' Compensation Board
8 Administrative Fund to allow the board to continue to contract
10 for temporary worker advocate and clerical support services for
the worker advocate activity in the regional offices. This
one-time authorization does not apply to any ongoing use of the
reserve for these purposes.

12	Other Special Revenue Funds	2001-02	2002-03
	All Other	\$0	\$200,000

14	WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD		
16	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2001-02	2002-03

18	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$200,000
20	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$200,000

22 JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

24 Courts - Supreme, Superior and District

26 Initiative: Provides one-time funds in fiscal year 2002-03
28 from the reserve in the Workers' Compensation Board
30 Administrative Fund for the cost of approved collective
bargaining. This one-time authorization does not apply to any
ongoing use of the reserve for these purposes.

32	Other Special Revenue Funds	2001-02	2002-03
	Personal Services	\$0	\$4,249

34	JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT		
36	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2001-02	2002-03

38	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$4,249
40	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$4,249

42	SECTION TOTALS	2001-02	2002-03
	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$204,249

44	SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$204,249'
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FISCAL NOTE

This amendment reduces the Other Special Revenue funds cost of the bill by \$1,137,501 in fiscal year 2002-03.

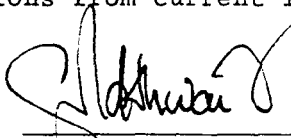
As amended, this resolve authorizes the Workers' Compensation Board to utilize up to \$204,249 from the reserve account in the Workers' Compensation Board Administrative Fund to continue to contract for temporary worker advocate and clerical support services for the worker advocate activity in the regional offices and to fund the costs of approved collective bargaining in the Judicial Department.

As amended, this resolve includes a one-time Other Special Revenue funds allocation of \$200,000 in fiscal year 2002-03 for the Workers' Compensation Board to continue to contract for temporary worker advocate and clerical support services for the worker advocate activity in the regional offices.

As amended, this resolve also includes a one-time Other Special Revenue funds allocation of \$4,249 in fiscal year 2002-03 to support collective bargaining costs within the Judicial Department.

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the resolve and allows the Workers' Compensation Board to utilize up to \$204,249 from the reserve account in the Workers' Compensation Board Administrative Fund to continue to contract for services for the worker advocate activity and to fund the costs of approved collective bargaining in the Judicial Department. This amendment also prohibits the Workers' Compensation Board from reducing the number of worker advocate positions from current levels.



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