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S.P. 665

In Senate, December 23, 2003

An Act To Notify MaineCare of Workers' Compensation Settlements

Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 22, 2003. Referred to the Committee on Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: PINGREE of North Haven, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §106**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. D,
§63 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is further amended to read:

6 **§106. Invalidity of waiver of rights; claims not assignable**

8 No agreement by an employee, unless approved by the board or
10 by the Commissioner of Labor, to waive the employee's rights to
12 compensation under this Act is valid. No claims for compensation
14 under this Act are assignable or subject to attachment or liable
16 in any way for debt, except for the enforcement of a current
support obligation or support arrears pursuant to Title 19-A,
chapter 65, subchapter **II** 2, article 3 or Title 19-A, chapter 65,
subchapter **III** 3, or for reimbursement of general assistance
pursuant to Title 22, section 4318 or for reimbursement of
18 Medicaid expenditures pursuant to Title 22, section 14 or 18.

20 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill adds reimbursement of general assistance Medicaid
24 expenditures to claims of compensation assignable or subject to
attachment.