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House of Representatives, February 22, 2005

An Act To Amend the Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Schedule To Include Hospital Charges

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative SMITH of Van Buren.
Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and
Representatives: HUTTON of Bowdoinham, PATRICK of Rumford, PERRY of Calais,
PINEAU of Jay, WATSON of Bath.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §209, sub-§1, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1991, c.
885, Pt. A, §8 and affected by §§9 to 11, is amended to read:

6 A. Standards, schedules or scales of maximum charges for
7 hospital charges, individual services, procedures or courses
8 of treatment. In establishing these standards, schedules or
9 scales, the board shall consider maximum charges paid by
10 private 3rd-party payors for similar services provided by
11 health care providers in the State and shall consult with
12 organizations representing health care providers and other
13 appropriate groups. The standards must be adjusted annually
14 to reflect any appropriate changes in levels of
15 reimbursement. The standards apply to hospital costs and
16 health care providers ~~and must be in effect no later than~~
17 ~~January 1, 1993~~; and

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19 **SUMMARY**

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21 This bill specifically directs the Workers' Compensation
22 Board to adopt rules that establish schedules of maximum charges
23 for hospital charges.
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