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H.P. 236

House of Representatives, January 22, 2019

**An Act To Reduce the Cost of Workers' Compensation Insurance
for Small Employers**

Reference to the Committee on Labor and Housing suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HANDY of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin and
Representatives: BABINE of Scarborough, DOORE of Augusta, SHEATS of Auburn,
SYLVESTER of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2381-C, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 885, Pt. B, §12
3 and affected by §13, is amended to read:

4 **8. Rate.** "Rate" means the cost of insurance per exposure base unit, prior to any
5 application of individual risk variations based on loss or expense considerations, ~~and does~~
6 ~~not include minimum premiums.~~

7 **Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2381-C, sub-§12**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 885, Pt. B,
8 §12 and affected by §13, is amended to read:

9 **12. Supplementary rate information.** "Supplementary rate information" means
10 any manual or plan of rates, classification system, rating schedule, ~~minimum premium~~,
11 policy fee, rating rule, rating plan and any other similar information needed to determine
12 the applicable premium for an insured.

13 **Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2382-G** is enacted to read:

14 **§2382-G. Minimum premiums**

15 A workers' compensation insurer may not charge a minimum premium in connection
16 with a workers' compensation insurance policy.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill prohibits a workers' compensation insurer from charging a minimum
19 premium in connection with its issuance of a workers' compensation policy.