

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 177

In Senate, Feb. 13, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Holt of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

AN ACT to establish a commission to investigate sickness and accident not compensated by Workmen's Compensation, of employed persons and their families.

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

Section 1. Creation and Duty. A commission is hereby
2 created to be known as the Health Insurance Commission
3 which shall investigate.

1. Sickness and accident of employees and their families
2 not compensated by workmen's compensation in the State

3 of Maine, the loss caused to individuals and to the public
4 thereby, and the causes thereof;

2. The adequacy of the present method of treatment and
2 care of such sickness and injury;

3. The adequacy of the present methods of meeting the
2 losses caused by such sickness or injury either by mutual
3 or stock insurance companies or associations, by fraternal
4 or other mutual benefit associations, by employers and em-
5 ployees jointly, by employees alone, or otherwise;

4. The influence of working conditions on the health of
2 employed persons; and

5. Methods for the prevention of such sickness; all with
2 a view to recommending ways and means for the better
3 protection of employees from sickness and accident and their
4 effects, and the improvement of the health of employed per-
5 sons and their families in the state. The commission shall
6 submit a full final report including such recommendations
7 for legislation by bill or otherwise as in its judgment may
8 seem proper, to the legislature of nineteen hundred and nine-
9 teen.

Sect. 2. Members. The commission shall consist of five
2 members, one of whom shall be an employer, one an em-
3 ployee, one a physician, to be appointed by the governor.

Sect. 3. Powers. The commission shall have power to
2 elect a chairman and other officers, to examine witnesses,
3 books and papers respecting all matters to be investigated,
4 to issue subpoena or compel the attendance of witnesses,

5 the production of all books and papers, to administer oaths,
6 to employ a secretary, to purchase books and necessary sup-
7 plies.

Sect. 4. Co-operation of Other Departments. The Com-
2 missioner of Labor and Industry and the Industrial Acci-
3 dent Commission are hereby directed to co-operate with the
4 commission and to render it any such proper aid and assist-
5 ance as, in their judgment, may not interfere with the proper
6 conduct of their respective departments, and, as far as pos-
7 sible, rooms in buildings owned or leased by the state shall
8 be assigned to the commission for the hearings or other
9 purposes.

Sect. 5. Expenses. The members of the commission shall
2 receive no compensation for their services, but shall be paid
3 for necessary clerk hire and incidental expenses, such sum
4 as shall be allowed by the governor and council, to be paid
5 from any money in the state treasury not otherwise appro-
6 priated.