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MAINE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the efficient administration of the Maine Workers' Compensation Commission is of the highest importance to the public welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has functioned with a modest support staff while the Commission workload has increased radically in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has sought to improve the effectiveness of the Commission by providing for full-time appointed Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, various State agencies have skills and resources which may be of assistance to the Commission, and the Bureau of Labor has a specific responsibility and expertise regarding the development of information on occupational illnesses and diseases; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Executive Branch provide the fullest possible support to the Commission through its Chairman;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH E. BRENNAN, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby order that, upon the request of the Chairman of the Workers' Compensation Commission:

The Departments of Finance and Administration, Business Regulation, and Manpower Affairs, and such other agencies as may be appropriate, shall provide such advice and assistance as may be helpful for improving the ability of the Commission in meeting its increasing administrative responsibilities; and that

The Bureau of Labor shall assist the Commission in conducting a study of potential improvements in case processing and filing and other administrative systems through the use of automated information systems.

Such a study shall result in a proposal for improved information systems and shall include a review of funds available from various sources to aid in establishing and implementing such a system.

*Joseph E. Brennan*  
JOSEPH E. BRENNAN  
Governor

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