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STATE OF MAINE SENATE 100th LEGISLATURE

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 255, L.D. 369, Bill, "An Act Relating to Costs of Witness and Attorney Fees Under Workmen's Compensation Act."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the underlined paragraph at the end and inserting in place thereof the following underlined paragraph:

" The Industrial Accident Commission may in its judgment, if necessary, and in its discretion, allow to the party in whose favor judgment is entered, costs of witness fees and a reasonable attorney fee, not exceeding 20% of the award, and a reasonable fee not exceeding \$50 for any one witness, or \$150 in any one case, for medical witnesses residing in the State when in its judgment the services of an attorney and medical witnesses were necessary for the proper presentation of the case. When, however, at a reasonable time prior to any hearing, compensation has been offered and the amount then due has been tendered in good faith or paid, the reasonable allowance for attorney fee shall be based upon only that part of the judgment or award in excess of the amount of compensation theretofore offered, tendered in good faith or paid. When the amount of the award, or when that part of the award in excess of compensation offered, tendered in good faith or paid as aforesaid, is less than \$200, an attorney fee may be allowed not in excess of \$50.' "

Filed by Senator LOVELL of YORK.

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