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ONE-HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 369

H. P. 255

Referred to Committee on Labor. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Levesque of Madawaska.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Costs of Witness and Attorney Fees Under Workmen's Compensation Act.

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

R. S., c. 31, § 32, amended. Section 32 of chapter 31 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph, as follows:

'When proceedings are taken under section 33, the commission or commissioner conducting any hearing under this chapter may, in his discretion, allow to the party petitioner found to have reasonable grounds to have taken such proceedings, and has instituted the same in good faith and under a claim of right, costs of witness fees and a reasonable attorney fee, when in the judgment of the said commission or commissioner the attendance of such witnesses, and the services of an attorney and medical witnesses were necessary for the proper presentation of the case.'