

ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 818 Referred to Committee on Labor. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed. HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dunn of Denmark.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT Correcting Certain Omissions and Inconsistencies in the Workmen's Compensation Law.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 31, § 6, § I, amended. The 3rd paragraph of subsection I of section 6 of chapter 31 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 4 of chapter 178 of the public laws of 1961, is amended to read as follows:

'Any employer whose assent is thus presumed may cease to be an assenting employer effective upon the first day of any month, provided said employer gives to the commission at its office in Augusta written notice in such form as the commission approves, not less than 60 30 days prior to the date on which said employer desires his election to cease to be an assenting employer to become effective, and provided that said employer shall post in conspicious places in his several places of employment written or printed notices to the effect that on and after the first day of the month upon which such election shall become effective, said employer will not be subject to this act, which notices shall be posted at least 60 30 days prior to the date such election shall become effective and shall be kept continuously posted thereafter in sufficient places frequented by the employees of said employer to reasonably notify such employees of such election.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 31, § 6, § III, ¶ A, amended. The last sentence of paragraph A of subsection III of section 6 of chapter 31 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 5 of chapter 178 of the public laws of 1961, is amended to read as follows:

'In the event that the employer has obtained an industrial accident policy from another insurance company, or has otherwise secured compensation as provided in this subsection, and such insurance or other security becomes effective prior to the expiration of said 30 days, cancellation may, at th option of the insurance company indicated in such notice shall be effective as of the effective date of such other insurance or receipt of security.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 31, § 6, § III, ¶ C, additional. Subsection III of section 6 of chapter 31 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 5 of chapter 178 of the public laws of 1961, is amended by adding a new paragraph to be numbered C, to read as follows:

'C. The effective date of the assent of an employer shall be the date of the insurance policy filed or in the case of a self-insurer the date of the bond or the receipt of the securities reqired.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 31, § 9, amended. The last sentence of the 3rd paragraph of section 9 of chapter 31 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 384 of the public laws of 1961, is amended to read as follows:

'Such vocation rehabilitation service may be arranged in consultation with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Education, or in cases of blindness with the Division of Eye Care and Special Services of the Department of Health and Welfare, as provided in section 44, subject to the following conditions and limitations:

Sec. 5. R. S., c. 31, § 44, amended. The 3rd sentence of section 44 of chapter 31 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 9 of chapter 384 of the public laws of 1961, is amended to read as follows:

'Upon receipt of such notice from the employer, or upon any knowledge or notice received prior to such notice, the commission shall forthwith refer such case to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the Department of Education, or in cases of blindness to the Division of Eye Care and Special Services of the Department of Health and Welfare, and may thereafter cooperate and work with with that division those divisions in the matter of rehabilitation of the injured employee.'

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