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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1206

H. P. 819

House of Representatives, February 7, 1963

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Ewer of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

**AN ACT to Provide 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:

'In case any person in interest shall file in the office of the commission a petition for award of compensation, the commissioner conducting any hearing under this chapter, may, in his discretion, allow against the employer and to the employee, or persons in interest to the employee, in whose favor an award of compensation is entered, reasonable costs of witness fees and a reasonable attorney fee, when in the judgment of the commissioner the services of an attorney, medical and other witness or witnesses were necessary for the proper presentation of the case on behalf of the employee, or persons in interest to the employee, as the case may be. Such allowance or allowances against the employer and to the employee, or persons in interest to the employee, shall be in addition to the award for compensation and in an amount or amounts approved by the commissioner and payable as the commissioner may direct.'