

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-THREE

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AN ACT Revising Certain Laws Under the Workmen's Compensation Law.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 31, § 9, amended.** The first paragraph of section 9 of chapter 31 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**'An employee injured out of and in the course of his employment shall be entitled to reasonable and proper medical, surgical and hospital services, nursing, medicines and mechanical, surgical aids, as needed, paid for by the employer.'**

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 31, § 10, amended.** Section 10 of chapter 31 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 10. Waiting period; when compensation payable.** No compensation for incapacity to work shall be payable for the first 7 days of incapacity; ~~provided, however, that in~~ **provided,** In case incapacity continues for more than ~~28~~ 14 days, compensation shall be allowed from the date of incapacity.'

**Sec. 3. R. S., c. 31, § 11, amended.** The first sentence of section 11 of chapter 31 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

**'While the incapacity for work resulting from the injury is total, the employer shall pay the injured employee a weekly compensation equal to 2/3 his average weekly wages, earnings or salary, but not more than ~~\$39~~ \$42 nor less than ~~\$15~~ \$18 a week; and in no case shall the period covered by such compensation be greater than 500 weeks from the date of the accident, nor the amount more than ~~\$19,500~~ \$21,000 exclusive of the cost of rehabilitation and of sustenance and travel during said rehabilitation which in no case shall be more than \$2,000 in the first 52 weeks of said rehabilitation and if such a period is extended as pro-**

vided in section 9, not more than \$500 in the second 52 weeks of said rehabilitation.'

**Sec. 4. R. S., c. 31, § 12, amended.** Section 12 of chapter 31 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 12. Compensation for partial incapacity.** While the incapacity for work resulting from the injury is partial, the employer shall pay the injured employee a weekly compensation equal to  $\frac{2}{3}$  the difference, due to said injury, between his average weekly wages, earnings or salary before the accident and the weekly wages, earnings or salary which he is able to earn thereafter, but not more than ~~\$39~~ \$42 a week; and in no case shall the period covered by such compensation be greater than 300 weeks from the date of the accident except for vocational rehabilitation services provided under sections 9 and 11.'

**Sec. 5. R. S., c. 31, § 15, amended.** The first sentence of section 15 of chapter 31 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

'If death results from the injury, the employer shall pay the dependents of the employee, wholly dependent upon his earnings for support at the time of his accident, a weekly payment equal to  $\frac{2}{3}$  his average weekly wages, earnings or salary, but not more than ~~\$39~~ \$42 nor less than ~~\$15~~ \$18 a week, from the date of death for a period ending 300 weeks from the date of the accident, and in no case to exceed ~~\$11,700~~ \$12,600.'

**Sec. 6. Effective date.** This act shall become effective on November 30, 1963.