

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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S. P. 65

In Senate, January 12, 1971

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Harding of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Chiropractic Treatment Under
Workmen's Compensation Law.

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

R. S., T. 39, § 52, amended. The first paragraph of section 52 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 408 of the public laws of 1965, and as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

An employee sustaining a personal injury by accident arising out of and in the course of his employment or is disabled by occupational disease shall be entitled to reasonable and proper medical, surgical and hospital services, nursing, medicines, and mechanical, surgical aids, **and chiropractic treatment**, as needed, paid for by the employer. An injured employee shall have the right to make his own selection of a physician ~~or~~, surgeon **or chiropractor** authorized to practice as such under the laws of the State from a panel of physicians, ~~and~~ surgeons **and chiropractors** selected by the Industrial Accident Commission, for the services set forth.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The science of chiropractic is recognized in this State by virtue of the Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 9 and by all other states in the United States, except Wisconsin. All other states in the United States, except one, recognize the value and service to the people of the science of chiropractic in industrial accidents.

Some confusion exists between and among the various insurance companies providing workmen's compensation as to the extent of payment for chiropractic treatment and the people of the State of Maine should not be denied the right to choose any member of the healing arts to administer to them when injured.