

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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In Senate, January 28, 1971

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Violette of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT Increasing Benefits for Particular Injuries and Permanent
Impairment under the Workmen's Compensation Law.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 39, § 56, amended. The 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th paragraphs of section 56 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes are amended to read as follows:

For the loss of a thumb, ~~50~~ 55 weeks.

For the loss of the first finger, commonly called the index finger, ~~30~~ 35 weeks.

For the loss of the 2nd finger, commonly called the middle finger, ~~28~~ 31 weeks.

For the loss of the 3rd finger, commonly called the ring finger, ~~20~~ 22 weeks.

For the loss of the 4th finger, commonly called the little finger, ~~17~~ 19 weeks.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 39, § 56, amended. The 8th and 9th paragraphs of section 56 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes are amended to read as follows:

For the loss of the great toe, ~~25~~ 28 weeks.

For the loss of one of the toes other than the great toe, ~~10~~ 11 weeks.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 39, § 56, amended. The 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th paragraphs of section 56 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes are amended to read as follows:

For the loss of a hand, ~~150~~ 165 weeks.

For the loss of an arm, or any part thereof above the wrist, ~~175~~ 193 weeks.

For the loss of a foot, ~~150~~ 165 weeks.

For the loss of a leg, or any part thereof above the ankle, ~~175~~ 193 weeks.

For the loss of an eye, or the reduction of the sight of an eye, with glasses, to 1/10 of the normal vision, or for diplopia, ~~100~~ 110 weeks.

For the total and permanent loss of hearing in one ear, ~~50~~ 55 weeks.

For the total and permanent loss of hearing in both ears, ~~100~~ 110 weeks.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The last change in our statute was effective November 30, 1957. The purpose of this amendment is to bring benefit payments in line with the majority of other states and at the same time preserve the state workmen's compensation system from federal encroachment. The number of weeks of compensation is increased by approximately 10%.