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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1539

H. P. 1120 House of Representatives, March 16, 1971 Referred to Committee on Labor. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. McTeague of Brunswick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Compensation from Nonassenting Employer under Workmen's Compensation Law.

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

R. S., T. 39, § 51-A, additional. Title 39 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 51-A to read as follows:

§ 51-A. Compensation if nonassenting employer

Any employee injured out of and in the course of his employment may recover the same compensation from an employer who has elected not to be an assenting employer as if such employer had elected to be an assenting employer and even if there is no insurance or at his option he may pursue his common law remedy. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, any employer who does not elect to be an assenting employer shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of \$1,000. This section shall not apply to employers excluded from section 3 by section 4.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide for mandatory workmen's compensation.