

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 789

H. P. 598

House of Representatives, February 12, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dunleavy of Presque Isle.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to **Certain Permanent Impairment Compensation under
Workmen's Compensation Law.**

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

R. S., T. 39, § 56, amended. The next to the last paragraph of section 56 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end 2 new sentences to read as follows:

Where the usefulness of any physical function of any part of the body is permanently impaired as a result of an injury to another part of the body, a claimant shall be entitled to compensation as enumerated in the schedules contained in this chapter for the percentage of permanent impairment to that part of the body whose usefulness or function is so impaired. Such functional loss of usefulness is declared to be an injury within the meaning of this Title.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill clarifies the law and allows for awards of compensation, for example, when the permanent usefulness of the legs is impaired as a result of paralysis brought on by an injury to the brain or spine.