

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1173

House of Representatives, March 19, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. McTeague of Brunswick.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT** Relating to Compensation and Specific Periods for Injuries under  
Workmen's Compensation Act.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 39, § 56, amended.** The 2nd to the 6th paragraphs, the 8th and 9th paragraphs and the 11th to the 18th paragraphs, as amended, of section 56 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, are amended to read as follows:

For the loss of a thumb, ~~50~~ 75 weeks.

For the loss of the first finger, commonly called the index finger, ~~32~~ 40 weeks.

For the loss of the 2nd finger, commonly called the middle finger, ~~28~~ 35 weeks.

For the loss of the 3rd finger, commonly called the ring finger, ~~20~~ 25 weeks.

For the loss of the 4th finger, commonly called the little finger, ~~17~~ 22 weeks.

For the loss of the great toe, ~~25~~ 35 weeks.

For the loss of one of the toes other than the great toe, ~~10~~ 15 weeks.

For the loss of a hand, ~~165~~ 200 weeks.

For the loss of an arm, or any part thereof above the wrist, ~~200~~ 250 weeks.

For the loss of a foot, ~~165~~ 200 weeks.

For the loss of a leg, or any part thereof above the ankle, ~~200~~ 225 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, ~~700~~ 150 weeks.

For the loss of both eyes, or the reduction of the sight of both eyes, with glasses, to 1/10 of the normal vision, or for diplopia, ~~300~~ 400 weeks.

For the total and permanent loss of hearing in one ear, ~~50~~ 75 weeks.

For the total and permanent loss of hearing in both ears, ~~200~~ 300 weeks.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 39, § 56, amended.** The first 2 sentences of the last paragraph of section 56 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 270 of the public laws of 1967, and as amended by chapter 164 of the public laws of 1969, are further amended to read as follows:

The commission may award proper and equitable compensation for serious facial or head disfigurement not to exceed ~~\$5,000~~ \$7,500, including a disfigurement continuous in length which is partially in the facial area and also extends into the neck region. The commission, if in its opinion the earning capacity of an employee has been or may in the future be impaired, may award compensation for any serious disfigurement in the region above the sterno clavicular articulations anterior to and including the region of the sterno cleido mastoid muscles on either side, but no award for the total disfigurement as set forth shall, in the aggregate, exceed ~~\$5,000~~ \$7,500.

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 39, § 56-A, amended.** The 2nd paragraph of section 56-A of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 465 of the public laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

Total loss of function of

Neck: ~~700~~ 125 weeks

Back: ~~200~~ 300 weeks

Jaw: ~~40~~ 50 weeks

Genito-urinary and other internal organs ~~30~~ 200 weeks.

### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to increase the specific periods of injuries and increase the compensation under Workmen's Compensation Law.