

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1511

H. P. 1174

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. Hobbins of Saco.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Compensation under Workmen's Compensation Law.

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

R. S., T. 39, § 54, amended. The first sentence as amended by section 1 and the 3rd sentence as amended by section 2 of chapter 225 of the public laws of 1971, of section 54 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, are further amended to read as follows:

While the incapacity for work resulting from the injury is total, the employer shall pay the injured employee a weekly compensation equal to $\frac{2}{3}$ his average weekly wages, earnings or salary, but not more than $\frac{2}{3}$ of the average weekly wage in the State of Maine as computed by the Employment Security Commission, nor less than \$18 weekly as of January 1, 1974; $\frac{2}{3}$ of such average weekly wage as of January 1, 1975; 125% of such average weekly wage as of January 1, 1976; 175% of such average weekly wage as of January 1, 1977 and 200% of such average weekly wage as of January 1, 1978; and such weekly compensation shall be adjusted annually on July 1st so that it continues to bear the same percentage relationship to the average weekly wage in the State of Maine as computed by the Employment Security Commission, as it did at the time of the injury.

In the event of such permanent total incapacity, the employer shall pay the employee a weekly compensation equal to $\frac{2}{3}$ his average weekly wage, earnings or salary but not more than $\frac{2}{3}$ of the average weekly wage in the State of Maine as computed by the Employment Security Commission, nor less than \$18 weekly as of January 1, 1974; $\frac{2}{3}$ of such average weekly wage as of January 1, 1975; 125% of such average weekly wage as of January 1, 1976; 175% of such average weekly wage as of January 1, 1977 and 200% of such weekly

average wage as of January 1, 1978; and such weekly compensation shall be adjusted annually on July 1st so that it continues to bear the same percentage relationship to the average weekly wage in the State of Maine as computed by the Employment Security Commission, as it did at the time of the injury.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to increase benefits under Workmen's Compensation Act.