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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
106TH LEGISLATURE

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1528, L. D. 1958, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Self-insurance under Workmen's Compensation Law and to Create a Fund for Payment of Adjudicated Industrial Accident Claims Involving State Employees and to Establish a Safety Program."

Amend said Bill in section 3 by striking out everything after the amending clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'§ 29. Reserve Fund; payment of claims of state employees

Notwithstanding section 23, subsection 2, the State of Maine shall maintain, for the payment of workmen's compensation claims of state employees of those departments or agencies in which the State of Maine is a self-insurer, the following reserve accounts.

1. For employees whose salaries are predominantly provided from the General Highway Fund in the Department of Transportation, a reserve account shall be created by allocating from the General Highway Fund a minimum of \$200,000 for each fiscal year.

2. For all other state employees for which the State of Maine is a self-insurer, a reserve account shall be created by appropriating from the General Fund a minimum of \$200,000 for each biennium.

When the reserve account from the General Highway Fund, Department of Transportation shall be depleted by the payment of claims until only 1/5 of the annual allocation remains, the administrator of the reserve fund may at his discretion request an additional allocation sufficient to pay any remaining claims during that fiscal year. Any portion of an allocation remaining at the end of a fiscal year may be carried forward for the next fiscal year.

When the reserve account for the General Fund shall be depleted in any year by the payment of claims until only 1/5 of an annual appropriation

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remains, the administrator may at his discretion request from the Executive Council an additional appropriation sufficient to pay the remaining claims during that year. Any portion of an appropriation remaining at the end of a biennium may be used to reduce the appropriation for the next biennium by a like amount.

All orders issued by the Industrial Accident Commission for payment of workmen's compensation claims of state employees of those departments or agencies in which the State of Maine is a self-insurer shall be paid from the appropriate reserve fund.

The administrator of the reserve funds shall be the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation. The administrator may spend up to \$15,000 annually from the General Fund to investigate accidents and to institute safety programs in state departments and agencies, other than highway related activities in the Department of Transportation.

This section shall not apply to officers and employees of the University of Maine.

Statement of Fact

This suggested amendment is necessary to clarify the administration of the 2 proposed reserve funds.

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