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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
107TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to H. P. 487, L. D. 606, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Interest on Awards in Workmen's Compensation Cases."

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

'39 MRSA §72 is enacted to read:

§72. Interest on awards

Upon each award of the Industrial Accident Commission interest shall be assessed from the date on which the last filed petition for award is filed at a rate of 6% per year, provided that if the prevailing party at any time requests and obtains a continuance for a period in excess of 30 days interest will be suspended for the duration of the continuance. From and after the date of award, interest shall be allowed at the rate of 10% per year. This section shall not apply to awards which must be approved by the Governor and Executive Council.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment brings workmen's compensation awards in line with judgments in civil actions as outlined in Title 14, section 1602. This bill would reduce unnecessary delay in compensating injured workers. The bill excludes from coverage awards made to state employees when the award is subject to appropriation or allotment of state funds.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Labor.

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.

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