

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Pray of Penobscot.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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AN ACT Relating to a Third Fifty-Two Week Extension for Vocational Rehabilitation under the Workmen's Compensation Statutes.

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

Sec. 1. 39 MRSA § 52, 4th ¶, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 571, § 69, is further amended by adding a new sentence after the first sentence to read:

The 2nd 52-week period may be extended for another further period not to exceed an additional 52 weeks if such further extended period is found to be necessary and proper by any member of the commission and if the employee is carrying on the same or substantially the same program as in the prior 52 weeks of rehabilitation service.

Sec. 2. 39 MRSA § 93, sub-§ 3, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 319, is further amended by adding after the first paragraph a new paragraph to read:

Prior to the award of the 3rd period of up to 52 weeks of vocational rehabilitation as provided by section 52, the employer shall have the right of discovery and subpoena power in regard to all persons, including any private or public agent, to determine the suitability of such employee for such further rehabilitation.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act provides for a 3rd 52-week extension for vocational rehabilitation under the Workmen's Compensation Statutes and permits an employer the power of discovery and subpoena to determine the suitability of the employee for further rehabilitation.