

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1694

H. P. 1418

House of Representatives, April 7, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Wilfong of Stow.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Concerning the Determination of Insurance Premiums under the Workmen's Compensation Laws for Employers Hiring Employees who Furnish their own Chain Saw.

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

39 MRSA § 22, as amended by PL 1973, c. 585, § 12, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

When any insurer uses the wages of any employee furnishing his own chain saw while working for an assenting employer under this Title in order to calculate the insurance premiums due from that assenting employer to that insurer, the insurer shall deduct from the wages paid that employee a sum equal to 10% of those wages.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill concerns companies insuring assenting employers under the workmen's compensation statutes when those employers hire woodsmen who furnish their own chain saws. The bill requires those companies, when using a wage figure for those woodsmen to determine the employer's premiums, to use the actual wage paid those woodsmen less 10% of those wages, the 10% representing an allowance for that part of the woodsmen's salary which represents payment for his furnishing of his own chain saw. Payment for a man's furnishing of his own chain saw should not be included in the determination of the wages which an employer must insure under the workmen's compensation statutes.