

STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FIRST SPECIAL SESSION (Fil 107TH LEGISLATURE

(Filing No. H-1193)

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 2046, L.D. 2218, Bill, "AN ACT Concerning the Workmen's Compensation Statutes."

Amend said Bill in section 3 in subsection 5 by striking out all of paragraph B.

Further amend said Bill in section 6 in that part designated "<u>\$57-A.</u>" by striking out all of subsection 2 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'2. Exception. The Attorney General shall not defend the Second Injury Fund against any claim brought by the State. The Industrial Accident Commission is authorized to hire, using funds from the Second Injury Fund, private counsel to defend any claim brought against the Second Injury Fund by the State.'

Further amend said Bill in section 6 in that part designated "\$57-A." by striking out all of subsection 3.

Statement of Fact

This amendment deletes from the bill Title 39, section 2, subsection 5, paragraph B, which included in the definition "employee" those persons who elect to be included and who practice a trade, occupation or profession, whether or not that person has himself employees. The amendment also clarifies HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 2046, L.D. 2218

the powers of the Industrial Accident Commission to hire private counsel in order to avoid a conflict of interest on the part of the Attorney General.

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