

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

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S. P. 331

In Senate, March 23, 1977

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Speers of Kennebec.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Relating to Workmen's Compensation for State Law  
Enforcement and Institution Personnel.**

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

39 MRSA § 53 as last amended by PL 1973, c. 557, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 53. **Waiting period; when compensation payable**

No compensation for incapacity to work shall be payable for the first 3 days of incapacity, except that firemen, state police officers, wardens of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and of the Department of Marine Resources, and institutional personnel with direct care or charge of residents or inmates in the Department of Mental Health and Corrections shall receive compensation from the date of incapacity. In case incapacity continues for more than 14 days, compensation shall be allowed from the date of incapacity.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

The purpose of this bill is to provide law enforcement and institutional personnel, whose duties by their nature involve particularly hazardous conditions, compensation from the first day of incapacity to work resulting from personal injury arising out of and in the course of their employment. At present, like other employees except firemen, they receive no compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act for the first 3 days of incapacity unless the incapacity continues for more than 14 days. Firemen now receive compensation from the first day of incapacity.