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S. P. 148

In Senate, February 6, 1979

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

Presented by Senator Devoe of Penobscot.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Self Employee Workers' Compensation Insurance Coverage.

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

39 MRSA § 2, sub-§ 5, ¶ B, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 539, § 1, is amended by adding after the first sentence the following:

Such a person shall elect personal coverage by insuring and keeping insured the payment of compensation and other benefits under a workers' compensation insurance policy. The insurance policy shall clearly indicate the intention of the parties to provide coverage for the person electing to be personally covered. The insurance company shall file with the commission notice, in such form as the commission approves, of the issuance of any workers' compensation policy to a person electing personal coverage. That insurance shall not be cancelled within the time limited in that policy for its expiration until at least 30 days after mailing a notice of the cancellation of that insurance to the commissioner and the person electing personal coverage. In the event that the person electing personal coverage has obtained a workers' compensation insurance policy from another insurance company, and that insurance becomes effective prior to the expiration of the 30 days, cancellation shall be effective as of the effective date of the other insurance.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide a method for self-employed persons or members of partnerships to elect a coverage under the workers' compensation statutes.