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No. 533

H. P. 420

House of Representatives, February 13, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Post of Owls Head.

Cosponsor: Mr. Michael of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Interest on Benefits under the Workers' Compensation Act.

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

39 MRSA § 72, as amended by PL 1977, c. 612, § 8, is further amended to read:

§ 72. Interest on awards

Upon each award of the Workers' Compensation Commission, interest shall be assessed from the date on which the ~~last filed~~ petition ~~for award~~ is filed at a rate of 6% per year, provided that if the prevailing party at any time requests and obtains a continuance for a period in excess of 30 days interest will be suspended for the duration of the continuance. From and after the date of ~~award~~ **the decree**, interest shall be allowed at the rate of 10% per year. This section shall not apply to claims involving employees of the State of Maine **and shall be enforced by the Workers' Compensation Commission.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the language in the law relating to interest on awards of the Workers' Compensation Commission and to ensure that the commission enforces the awards.