

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-450)  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 706, L.D. 881, Bill, "AN ACT Amending the Claim Period Provision of the Workers' Compensation Act."

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 39 MRSA §64, as amended by PL 1973, c. 788, §228, is further amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

Unless the employer shows that his ability to defend the employee's claim for compensation has been substantially prejudiced by want of notice, he may not deny the claim if otherwise valid.'

Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are to:

1. Strike the first section of the bill; and
2. Add a new section/<sup>1</sup>which will waive in some instances the current requirement that an employee report an injury to the employer within 30 days. The requirement would be waived if the employer cannot show he was "substantially prejudiced" by lack of notice.