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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 934

H. P. 749

House of Representatives, March 2, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Wyman of Pittsfield, referred to the Committee on Labor.
Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hobbins of Saco.

Cosponsor: Mr. Cloutier of South Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to the Notice Provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act.

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

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, such claim shall not be denied if otherwise valid.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill is intended to give the Workers' Compensation Commission discretion to determine whether the purpose of the notice requirement has been fulfilled in particular workers' compensation cases.