

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 938

H. P. 756

House of Representatives, March 2, 1979

On Motion of Mrs. Kany of Waterville, referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Higgins of Scarborough.

Cosponsors: Mr. Tarbell of Bangor and Mr. Kelleher of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Increase the Salaries of the Workers' Compensation Commissioners.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 2 MRSA § 7, sub-§ 3 is enacted to read:

**3. Full-time commissioners.** The salaries of the listed full-time chairman and of the members of the Workers' Compensation Commission appointed after November 1, 1979 shall be:

Chairman ..... \$28,000

Members other than chairman ..... 26,000

**Sec. 2.** 39 MRSA § 91-A is enacted to read:

**§ 91-A. Full-time commissioners**

Except for ex officio members, each commissioner and chairman appointed after November 1, 1979, shall devote his entire time to the duties of his office and shall not hold any other public office or public employment or engage in any private employment or in a profession or business. As the regular terms of members serving on or before November 1, 1979, expire, the Governor shall appoint members, subject to review and confirmation as specified in section 91, to serve for the terms and under the conditions provided in section 91.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would increase the salaries of the chairman and members of the Workers' Compensation Commission and would provide for the transition to a full-time commission. The purpose of this bill is to eliminate administrative delays in processing claims and conducting hearings.