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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1022

H. P. 822

House of Representatives, March 5, 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. Cloutier of South Portland.

Cosponsors: Mr. Wyman of Pittsfield, Mr. Lizotte of Biddeford and Mr.
Tierney of Lisbon.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT Concerning Group Medical Coverage for Families of Disabled
Employees.**

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

Sec. 1. 39 MRSA § 111-A, sub-§ 1, as amended by PL 1977, c. 696, § 408, is further amended to read:

1. No delay of benefits. If an employee is due benefits from an employer or any insurance carrier under an insured disability plan or insured medical payments plan because of a personal injury or disease, the employer shall not delay or refuse payment of those benefits because the employee filed a workers' compensation claim based on the same personal injury or disease.

Sec. 2. 39 MRSA § 111-A, sub-§§ 3 and 4, are enacted to read:

3. Continuity of coverage. If an employee or his family was due benefits from an employer under a medical care plan, those benefits must be continued as long as the employee's incapacity persists. If the employee paid for coverage before his injury, he shall continue to do so after his injury in order to retain those benefits.

4. Enforcement. The commission shall have authority to adjudicate all questions and matters arising under this section and to provide relief necessary to accomplish the purposes of this section.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill amends the law concerning provisional payment of certain disability benefits. The bill provides that the payments of benefits will continue as long as the disability continues and provides an enforcement procedure when the benefits are not paid. The bill includes under the provisional payment law benefits due from an insurer.