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No. 1222

H. P. 956

House of Representatives, March 13, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Wyman of Pittsfield.

Cosponsors: Mr. Birt of East Millinocket, Mr. Fillmore of Freeport and Mr. Nadeau of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Require Premium Impact Statements for Certain Workers'
Compensation Legislation.**

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

39 MRSA § 22-B is enacted to read:

§ 22-B. Premium impact of proposed legislation

Whenever a bill is presented in the Legislature which, directly or indirectly, provides for an increase in the level of benefits under this Act, for an extension of the liability of covered employers or for an addition to or expansion of the categories of employers, employees, injuries or illnesses covered by this Act, or which is otherwise likely, if enacted to result in a subsequent increase in workers' compensation insurance rates, the Superintendent of Insurance shall submit within 30 days after request, a premium impact statement to the legislative committee to which the bill is assigned. The impact statement shall contain the superintendent's best estimate of the total premium costs which will be incurred by covered employers in each of the 2 calendar years immediately following the first full calendar during which the bill, if enacted, would be effective, the total premium costs which would otherwise be incurred by covered employers in those

years if the bill is not enacted and any other information which is requested by the Legislature or the applicable committee. No legislative committee shall take any action with respect to any bill described in this section without first reviewing the premium impact statement required to be prepared in connection with that bill.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide the Legislature with information concerning the potential cost impact on Maine employers of proposed legislation providing for an increase in either benefits or coverage under the Workers' Compensation Act.