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## STATE OF MAINE SENATE 109TH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

(Filing No. S-440)

SENATE AMENDMENT"A" to H.P. 1747, L.D. 1863, Bill
"AN ACT Relating to Group Self-insurers under the Workers'
Compensation Act."

Amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following:

- Sec. 5. 39 MRSA §23 sub-§2-A first , as last amended by PL 1979, c. 577, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:
- 2-A. Subsection 2, which applies to individual selfinsurers, shall be equally applicable in all respects to
  group self-insurers. Group self-insurers shall be those
  individuals or corporations associated together having similar business objectives, similar types of employment or
  employees engaged in the same type of work. Such group
  desiring to become a self-insurer shall submit to the Superintendent of Insurance, with an application for self-insurance,
  in form prescribed by the superintendent, the following:
- Sec. 6. 39 MRSA §23, sub-§4,  $\P$ A as repealed by  $\ratherpoonup T1979$ , c. 577,  $\ratherpoonup S3 \rightarrow$  is reenacted to read:
  - A. Definitions. As used in this section, the term "employers" shall include:
    - (1) Employers with related activity in a given industry employing persons who perform work in connection with the given industry;

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- association or (2) An incorporated or unincorporated associations consisting exclusively of such employers provided they employ persons who perform such related work in the given industry;
- (3) A combination of employers as described in subparagraph (1) and an association or associations of employers as described in subparagraph (2).
- Sec. 7. 39 MRSA §23, sub-§4, ¶B, first sentence, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 577, section 4 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:
  - Any group consisting exclusively of such employers

    may adopt a plan for self-insurance, as a group, for the

    payment of compensation under this chapter for their

    employees.'

Further amend the bill by renumbering section 5 to be section 8.

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

'Sec. 9. Effective date. Sections 5,6 and 7 of this Act shall become effective 91 days after the Legislature adjourns.'

## Statement of Fact

This amendment clarifies that group self-insurers must have similar objectives, types of employment or employees

Public Law chapter engaged in the same type of work. /1979, /577, which will not take effect until 90 days after adjournment, would allow

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any employers, regardless of lack of community of interests, to become group self-insurers.

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