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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-908)
109TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "6" to H.P. 1795, L.D. 1911, Bill,
"AN ACT" to Provide for Improved Information on Workers' Compensation
and to Provide Funds for Full-time Workers' Compensation
Commissioners."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enacting
clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 39 MRSA §99, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 632,
§§ 1 and 2, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph
to read:

In any case upon which a commissioner whose term has expired
has completed hearing all of the evidence, that commissioner shall
render a decision on that case as soon as practicable. That
decision has the same effect as if it were rendered by a
commissioner whose term had not expired. Any commissioner whose
term has expired is entitled to \$50 per day
for each day spent preparing and issuing any decision under this
paragraph.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1980-81

WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

Personal Services \$37,874'

Statement of Fact

This amendment addresses a current problem in the ~~Workers'~~
~~Compensation~~ system.

There presently exists a number of ~~Workers' Compensation~~

cases upon which all the evidence in the case has been heard by a commissioner whose term expired before he could issue a decision. This amendment permits him to issue a decision in those cases even though his term has expired and states that those decisions shall have the same effect as if they were made by a commissioner whose term has not expired.

This amendment adjusts the funds needed to pay the salaries of the full-time workers' compensation commissioners.

This amendment omits any changes in the existing obligation of the Bureau of Labor to provide reports dealing with occupational injuries and illnesses and their effects.

Reported by the Minority of the Committee on Labor
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