

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 491

S. P. 189

In Senate, January 29, 1981

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Brown of Washington.

Cosponsor: Senator C. Sewall of Lincoln.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Require the Workers' Compensation Commission to Conduct a Data Systems Study.

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA § 2511, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 241, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

Every insurance company or association issuing workers' compensation insurance policies covering the payment of compensation and benefits as provided for in Title 39 shall pay an additional tax of .03% upon all gross direct premiums written whether in cash or in notes absolutely payable on contracts made in the State for workers' compensation, less return premiums thereon and less all dividends paid to policy holders. This tax shall be payable only for the calendar year 1982.

Sec. 2. Study. The Workers' Compensation Commission shall cause a feasibility study to be conducted on a data input and retrieval system for the commission. The study shall be done during the fiscal year 1981, and the commission shall report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor with the results of the study during the Second Regular Session of the 110th Legislature.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1981-82
WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION	
All Other	\$50,000

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires the Workers' Compensation Commission to conduct a feasibility study on a data input and retrieval system for the commission.

The bill calls for an appropriation of \$50,000 from the General Fund. It will be financed through a surcharge of .03% on the existing premium tax, imposed on carriers writing workers' compensation insurance in the State.