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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 513

H. P. 463

House of Representatives, January 29, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Soulas of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Occupational Loss of Hearing.

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

Sec. 1. 39 MRSA § 193, sub-§ 2, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 374, § 6, is amended to read:

2. Limitations on sound frequencies. Losses of hearing due to industrial noise for compensation purposes shall be confined to the frequencies of ~~500, 1,000 and 2,000, 3,000 and 4,000~~ cycles per second. Loss of hearing ability for frequency tones above ~~2,000~~ 4,000 cycles per second are not to be considered as constituting disability for hearing.

Sec. 2. 39 MRSA § 193, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 374, § 6, is amended to read:

The percent of hearing loss, for purposes of the determination of compensation claims for occupational deafness shall be calculated as the average, in decibels, of the thresholds of hearing for the frequencies of ~~500, 1,000 and 2,000, 3,000 and 4,000~~ per second.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill recognizes that significant occupational deafness is detectable in the frequencies of 2,000, 3,000 and 4,000.