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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 517

H. P. 465

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 Tuttle of Sanford.

Cosponsor: Representative Martin of Eagle Lake.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to the Notice Provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act.

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

39 MRSA § 64, as amended by PL 1973, c. 788, § 228, is further amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

Unless the employer shows that his ability to defend the employee's claim for compensation has been substantially prejudiced by want of notice, the claim is not denied if otherwise valid.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill is intended to give the Workers' Compensation Commission discretion to determine whether the purpose of the notice requirement has been fulfilled in particular workers' compensation cases.