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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 571

S. P. 204

In Senate, February 2, 1981

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Dutremble of York.

Cosponsor: Representative Thompson of South Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Payment by an Employer When a Physician's Certification of Illness is Required.

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

26 MRSA § 592, as amended by PL 1971, c. 620, § 13, is further amended by adding after the first sentence a new sentence to read:

It is also unlawful for any employer to fail to pay the cost of an employee obtaining a physician's certificate, including the cost of any visit to the physician's office, when the employer requires such a certificate to ensure that a employee's absence from work was due to illness.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide that an employer must bear the cost when he requires an employee to obtain a physician's certificate to show that the employee's absence from work was due to illness.