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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT" A " to H.P. 666, L.D. 770, Bill,
"AN ACT to Clarify Application of the Workers' Compensation
Law to Injuries Received by an Employee who Voluntarily
Participates on an Employer-Sponsored Athletic Team."

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

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature
do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment un-
less enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the injuries which may give rise to employer
liability if this legislation were not enacted most fre-
quently occur in the summer months; and

Whereas, the present law contains ambiguities which
could encourage litigation and disharmony in labor-manage-
ment relations; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health
and safety; now, therefore,

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

39 MRSA §2, sub-§5, ¶C is enacted to read:

C. The term "employee" does not include any person who is otherwise an employee, if he is injured as a result of his voluntary participation in an employer- sponsored athletic event or an employer-sponsored athletic team.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.'

Statement of Fact

and clause
The amendment adds an emergency preamble/and makes clear that injuries from participation in employer-sponsored teams are also not compensable under the Act.

Reported by the Committee on Labor.
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