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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 789

S. P. 281

In Senate, February 11, 1981

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Sutton of Oxford.

Cosponsors: Senator Brown of Washington, Representative Soule of Westport, Representative Tarbell of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Place a Maximum Limit on the Inflation Adjustment under the Workers' Compensation Act.

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

Sec. 1. 39 MRSA § 54, first ¶, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 493, § 1, is further amended by adding after the 3rd sentence, a new sentence to read:

The maximum annual adjustment required under this section is 5%.

Sec. 2. 39 MRSA § 55, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 493, § 2, is further amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

The maximum annual adjustment required under this section is 5%.

Sec. 3. 39 MRSA § 58, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 770, § 217, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

The maximum annual adjustment required under this section is 5%.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill incorporates one of the recommendations of the Blaine House Conference on Small Business.

Its purpose is to provide employers with some relief from the presently staggering Workers' Compensation costs by placing a maximum percentage limit on annual benefit adjustments.