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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-516) 110TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT" # " to H.P. 685, L.D. 799, Bill,
"AN ACT to Amend the Workers' Compensation Law."

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

'39 MRSA §104-A, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 333, is amended by adding after the 3rd sentence the following new sentences to read:

The employer or insurer may recover from an employee payments made pending appeal to the Law Court if and to the extent that the Law Court has decided that the employee was not entitled to the compensation paid. The commission shall have full jurisdiction to determine the amount of overpayment, if any, and the amount and schedule of repayment, if any. The commission, in determining whether or not repayment should be made and the extent and schedule of repayment, shall consider the financial situation of the employee and his family and shall not order repayment which would work hardship or injustice.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment permits recovery of payments made to an employee prior to a determination on appeal that the employee is not entitled to benefits. At the same time, it provides a mechanism for determining equitable repayment schedules.

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