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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 682

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7 S.P. 240

In Senate, February 10, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on Labor, sent down for concurrence and
9 ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

11 Presented by Senator Dutremble of York.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT Relating to Payment by an
18 Employer when a Physician's Certification
19 of Illness is Required.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 26 MRSA §592, as amended by PL 1971, c. 620, §13,
24 is further amended to read:

25 §592. Charge by employer prohibited

26 It shall be unlawful for any employer to require
27 any employee or accepted applicant for employment to
28 bear the medical expense of an examination when such
29 that examination is ordered or required by the
30 employer. It is also unlawful for any employer to
31 fail to pay the cost of an employee obtaining a
32 physician's certificate, including the cost of any
33 visit to the physician's office, when the employer

1 requires such a certificate to ensure that an
2 employee's absence from work was due to illness. Any
3 employer who violates this section shall be liable to
4 a penalty of not more than \$50 for each and every
5 violation. It shall be the duty of the director to
6 enforce this section.

7 STATEMENT OF FACT

8 The purpose of this bill is to provide that an
9 employer must bear the cost when he requires an
10 employee to obtain a physician's certificate to show
11 that the employee's absence from work was due to ill-
12 ness.

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