

(Filing No. H-22) STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 113TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " \mathcal{A} " to H.P. 229, L.D. 297, Bill, "AN ACT to Improve the Informal Conference Process for Workers' Compensation Claims." Amend the bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line after the enacting clause (page 2, line 7 in L.D.) the following: 'Sec. 1.' Further amend the bill in subsection 6, in the 3rd paragraph, first line (page 2, line 31 in L.D.) by inserting after the word "assistants" the follow-ing: 'and a supervisor of employee assistants' Further amend the bill by inserting before the emergency clause the following: 'Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act. 1987-88 1988-89 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION Positions (2) (2) Personal Services \$56,861 \$60,318 All Other 11,270 9,400 Total \$68,131 \$69,718

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This amendment adds an additional position within the Workers' Compensation Commission for a supervisor 3 4 of employee assistants. The addition of a supervisor 5 over the employee assistants will enable the assistants to more efficiently perform their duties of aid-ing injured workers in the informal conference proce-dure and assisting in the mediation of disputes. The 6 7 8 9 supervisor will be able to perform the necessary administrative and coordination tasks. The amendment 10 also adds an appropriation section to provide funds 11 12 for the new positions.

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