

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 300

H.P. 232 House of Representatives, February 6, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered
printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative DORE of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Representative JOSEPH of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Interest on Workers'
Compensation Awards.

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

39 MRSA §110-A is enacted to read:

§110-A. Allowance of interest upon awards

If an employee prevails in any proceeding involving a controversy under section 54, 54-A or 55, the employee shall be allowed interest on the award of all compensation due to the employee as of the date the commissioner renders his decision, calculated at the rate of 8% a year from the date the employee filed a petition for compensation. To the extent that the employer has made voluntary payment under

1 section 51-B of any portion of the amount due to the
2 employee, interest shall not be due on the amount of
3 that voluntary payment.

4 STATEMENT OF FACT

5 Under the present law, although an injured party
6 is entitled to interest upon any judgment rendered in
7 a lawsuit, no interest is allowed on workers' compen-
8 sation awards, no matter how long the dispute is
9 pending before the commission. This bill would rec-
10 tify that disparity.

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