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L.D. 855

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
113TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"  
to H.P. 632, L.D. 855, Bill, "AN ACT to Enhance the  
Productivity of the Workers' Compensation Commis-  
sion."

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title  
the following:

'Amend the Bill by inserting after the title and  
before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-  
lature do not become effective until 90 days after  
adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, severe delays exist within the State's  
workers' compensation system, due in part to an in-  
creased number of cases to be decided by each work-  
ers' compensation commissioner; and

Whereas, these delays cause severe problems for  
injured workers whose decisions on their cases are  
delayed, including financial, emotional and other  
problems; and

Whereas, there is an immediate need to alleviate  
delay in the workers' compensation system and its ac-  
companying human suffering and an immediate need for  
an additional workers' compensation commissioner; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,  
these facts create an emergency within the meaning of  
the Constitution of Maine and require the following  
legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-  
vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
therefore,'

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1 Further amend the amendment by striking out all  
2 of the 3rd paragraph (page 1, lines 15 to 24 in  
3 amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

4 'Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are  
5 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the  
6 purposes of this Act.

	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>
8 <u>WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION</u>		
9 Positions	(3.0)	(3.0)
10 Personal Services	\$117,193	\$125,886
11 All Other	14,100	12,600
12 Capital Expenditures	3,747	
13		
14 Total	<u>\$135,040</u>	<u>\$138,486</u>

15 Further amend the amendment by inserting before  
16 the statement of fact the following:

17 'Further amend the bill by inserting before the  
18 statement of fact the following:

19 'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency  
20 cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect  
21 when approved.'

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1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This amendment adds an emergency preamble and  
3 emergency clause and provides for full-year funding.

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