

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1116

H.P. 825 House of Representatives, April 7, 1987  
Reference to the Committee on Banking and Insurance  
suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative WILLEY of Hampden.

Cosponsored by Senator DUTREMBLE of York and  
Representative GARLAND of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Require Insurance Companies who  
2 Sell Workers' Compensation to Provide  
3 Certain Other Services.  
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5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
6 follows:

7 39 MRSA §107-A is enacted to read:

8 §107-A. Additional services from insurance companies

9 Every insurance company issuing workers' compen-  
10 sation insurance policies covering the payment of  
11 compensation and benefits provided for in this Act  
12 shall perform the following duties:

13 1. Information. Provide to each employer to  
14 which a policy is issued information, as specified by

1 rule of the superintendent, setting forth all aspects  
2 of responsibilities of the employer and the insurance  
3 company under this Act;

4 2. Safety evaluation. Conduct a safety evalua-  
5 tion of each such employer's business premises;

6 3. Cost benefits. Furnish to each such employer  
7 information concerning potential cost savings which  
8 might result from the employer's participation in  
9 early reemployment and rehabilitation programs for  
10 the employer's employees;

11 4. Post-injury inspection. Following any injury  
12 of an employee of any such employer under this Act,  
13 conduct an inspection of the work site at which the  
14 injury occurred for the purpose of gathering informa-  
15 tion which may be used to prevent future injury or  
16 loss; and

17 5. Safety meetings. Encourage any such employer  
18 to conduct periodic safety meetings with employees at  
19 which a representative of the insurance company shall  
20 be present.

21 STATEMENT OF FACT

22 The purpose of this bill is to ensure that cer-  
23 tain insurers perform services for workers' compensa-  
24 tion clients. In addition to collecting premiums and  
25 paying claims, it is an effort to encourage insurance  
26 carriers to become involved in the clients' safety  
27 program.

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