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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "**A**" to S.P. 703, L.D. 1928,
Bill, "AN ACT to Reform the Maine Workers' Compensation Act to Assure Coverage for Maine Workers."

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Amend the bill in section 27 in that part designated "§54-B." by striking out all of subsection 2 and inserting in its place the following:

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'2. Limitation. Any employee who has reached maximum medical improvement and is able to perform full-time remunerative work in the ordinary competitive labor market in and around his community is not eligible for compensation under this section, but may be eligible for compensation under section 55-B.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment strikes the requirement that injured workers relocate their families to pursue work. No other state mandates family relocation. Current commuting practices of up to one hour or more in Maine give a broad geographic definition to labor market, in most cases, under current law. This amendment allows totally disabled employees to remain in their communities.

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