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House of Representatives, February 6, 1989

Submitted by the Workers' Compensation Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative HANLEY of Paris.

Cosponsored by Representative REED of Falmouth, Senator ESTY of
Cumberland and Senator WHITMORE of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Curtail Fraud in the Workers' Compensation System.



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

3 **39 MRSA §102**, as amended by PL 1977, c. 709, §5, is further
5 amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

7 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 51-B, subsection
9 7, in the event of fraud, a party may petition the commission to
11 reopen the case as to any or all issues. The commission may
13 terminate or modify an employer's obligation to make payment upon
15 a finding that fraud on the part of a party affected the
17 employer's obligation to make payment.

19 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

21 This bill provides express authority for the Workers'
23 Compensation Commission to end payments initiated under the
25 direct pay law, Maine Revised Statutes, Title 39, section 51-B,
27 due to fraud.