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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 263, L.D. 375, Bill, "An Act to Provide that Medical Information in the Files of the Maine State Retirement System is not Public Information"

Amend the bill in that part designated "§17057." by striking out the last sentence (page 1, lines 12 to 14 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'Records containing medical information may be examined by the employee to whom they relate or by the State or participating local district employer of the employee for any purposes related to any claim for workers' compensation or any other benefit. The employee shall be advised in writing by the retirement system of any request by the employer to examine the employee's medical records. Medical information obtained pursuant to this section shall remain confidential, except as otherwise provided by law, when involved in proceedings regarding workers' compensation or claims for other benefits.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment assures that an employer can have access to any medical information pertaining to the employee. It also authorizes access by the employer for its legitimate purposes, such as workers' compensation administration, while preserving the confidentiality of the information, except as otherwise provided by law.

Reported by the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans
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