

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 857

S.P. 320

In Senate, March 21, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HOBBS of York.

Cosponsored by Representative PINEAU of Jay, Representative CLARK of Millinocket and Representative McHENRY of Madawaska.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Relating to Partial Disability under the Workers' Compensation Act.



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

3 39 MRSA §55-B, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 559, Pt. B,
5 §30, is amended to read:

7 While the incapacity for work resulting from the injury is
9 partial, the employer shall pay the injured employee a weekly
11 compensation equal to 2/3 the difference, due to the injury,
13 between his the employee's average gross weekly wages, earning or
15 salary before the injury and the weekly wages, earnings or salary
17 which he the employee is able to earn after the injury, but not
19 more than the maximum benefit under section 53-B. ~~Payments under
21 this section shall not continue for longer than 400 weeks after
maximum medical improvement.~~

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STATEMENT OF FACT

21 This bill amends the law regarding workers' compensation for
partial incapacity by eliminating the 400-week limitation on
payments.