

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 675

House of Representatives, March 27, 1989

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 McHENRY of Madawaska.

Cosponsored by President PRAY of Penobscot, Representative PINEAU of Jay and Representative RAND of Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**An Act to Reform the Workers' Compensation Law to Prevent  
Mandatory Relocation and Family Hardship.**

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

3 **39 MRSA §54-B, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 559, Pt. B,  
5 §27, is amended to read:

7 **2. Limitation.** Any employee who has reached maximum  
9 medical improvement and is able to perform and obtain full-time  
11 remunerative work in the ordinary competitive labor market ~~in the~~  
13 ~~State, regardless of the availability of such work in and around~~  
15 ~~his community,~~ is not eligible for compensation under this  
section, but may be eligible for compensation under section  
55-B. Reasonable moving and relocation expenses for employees  
who are retrained or rehabilitated under this Act are available  
as provided in section 87, subsection 2.

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#### STATEMENT OF FACT

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21 This bill clarifies that an employee who has reached maximum  
23 medical improvement and is able to perform and obtain full time  
remunerative work may not be required to relocate if no work is  
available in that employee's community.