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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
114TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 555, L.D. 1558, Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Provisional Payments Provision of the Workers' Compensation Law Regarding Disability and Medical Payments"

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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

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'39 MRSA §111-A, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

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3. Rules. The Superintendent of Insurance shall adopt rules, subject to Title 5, chapter 375, to implement this section.

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A. These rules shall impose any requirements on employers or health, disability or workers' compensation insurance carriers that the superintendent finds necessary or desirable to ease the financial burden on injured employees whose workers' compensation claims are controverted and who are awaiting commission determinations on their claims.

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B. The Superintendent of Insurance shall consult with the chair of the Workers' Compensation Commission in formulating and adopting these rules.

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C. The Superintendent of Insurance shall recommend for introduction to the Second Regular Session of the 114th Legislature any legislation necessary to achieve the purposes of this subsection.

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FISCAL NOTE

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The Bureau of Insurance within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation will incur some minor additional costs to adopt rules. These costs can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment completely replaces the original bill and requires the Superintendent of Insurance, after consulting with the chair of the Workers' Compensation Commission, to adopt rules regulating employers and health, disability and workers' compensation insurance carriers. These rules are intended to ease the financial burden upon an injured employee whose workers' compensation claim is controverted by the employer and who receives no compensation for lost wages or medical bills while the claim is pending.

Reported by the Majority for the Committee on Labor.
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