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House of Representatives, December 11, 1989

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 11, 1989. Referred to the Committee on Labor and 1600 ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative SMITH of Island Falls.

Cosponsored by Senator MATTHEWS of Kennebec, Representative McHENRY of Madawaska and Representative LUTHER of Mexico.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act to Increase Death Benefits under the Workers' Compensation Act.



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

2 39 MRSA §59, as amended by PL 1971, c. 544, §135, is
4 further amended to read:

6 **§59. Burial expenses**

8 If the employee dies as a result of the injury, the employer
10 shall pay, in addition to any compensation and medical benefits
12 provided for in this Act, the reasonable expenses of burial, not
14 to exceed \$1,000 ~~\$5,000~~ and in addition thereto a payment in the
sum of \$1,000 ~~\$25,000~~ to the widow and if no widow, to the
children and if no children to the next of kin as incidental
compensation.

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20 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

22 This bill increases the burial and incidental payment under
24 the Workers' Compensation Act to \$5,000 and establishes a lump
sum payment to the next of kin of \$25,000.