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S.P. 713

In Senate, December 11, 1989

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

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 11, 1989. Referred to the Committee on Labor and 1,600 ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LUDWIG of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of Aroostook, Senator ESTY of Cumberland and Representative ERWIN of Rumford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act to Increase Funeral and Related Expense Payments under the Workers' Compensation Law.



Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as fol	lows:
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- Sec. 1. 39 MRSA §59, as amended by PL 1971, c. 544, §135, is further amended to read:
 - §59. Burial expenses
- If the employee dies as a result of the injury, the employer shall pay, in addition to any compensation and medical benefits provided for in this Act, the reasonable expenses of burial, not to exceed \$1,000 \$3,000 and in addition thereto a payment in the sum of \$1,000 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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STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill increases the burial expenses payment under the workers' compensation law from \$1,000 to \$3,000. This figure has not been changed since Public Law 1969, chapter 560 which increased it from \$450 to \$1,000.