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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 162

H.P. 117

House of Representatives, January 25, 1991

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 GRAHAM of Houlton.

Cosponsored by Representative TREAT of Gardiner, Representative PINEAU of Jay and Senator MILLS of Oxford.

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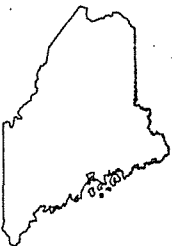
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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

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**An Act to Require the Expedious Resolution of Workers'  
Compensation Claims.**

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

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39 MRSA §99-B, as amended by PL 1983, c. 479, §22, is  
4 further amended to read:

6 **§99-B. Prompt decision required**

8 The commissioner who hears a case pursuant to section 99  
shall render his a decision no later than 30 14 days after each  
10 ~~party has completed presenting its case~~ notice of an injury is  
given. Whenever the commissioner exceeds the limit contained in  
12 this section, compensation to ~~him shall be~~ that commissioner is  
forfeited effective the day after the 30th 14th day and for each  
14 day until the decision has been issued, provided that this  
provision shall does not apply in any case for which the  
16 commissioner has shown just cause, as determined by rules of the  
commission made pursuant to section 92, subsection 1, for delay  
18 beyond 30 14 days.

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22 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

24 This bill requires a workers' compensation commissioner to  
issue a decision in any controverted case within 14 days after  
26 notice of the injury is given.