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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 655, L.D. 934, Bill, "An Act to Regulate the Use of Video Display Terminals"

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

'Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §251, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 512, is amended to read:

4. Employer. "Employer" means any person, partnership, firm, association or corporation, public or private, which that uses 25 2 or more terminals at one location within the State. The term "employer" includes, but is not limited to:

A. Any person, partnership, firm, association or corporation acting in the interest of any employer, directly or indirectly; and

B. The State, in its capacity as an employer.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §252, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 512, is amended to read:

1. Requirements. An employer's education and training program shall must be provided both orally and in writing and shall, except that an employer that uses fewer than 5 terminals at one location may provide the education and training program in writing only. The program must include, at a minimum:

A. Notification of the rights and duties created under this subchapter by posting in a prominent location in the workplace a copy of this subchapter and a written notice that explains these rights and duties in plain language;

2 B. An explanation or description of the proper use of
terminals and the protective measures that the operator may
4 take to avoid or minimize symptoms or conditions that may
result from extended or improper use of terminals; and

6 C. Instruction related to the importance of maintaining
proper posture during terminal operation and a description
8 of methods to achieve and maintain this posture, including
the use of any adjustable work station equipment used by the
10 operator.

12 Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act takes effect on January 1,
14 1992.

16 **FISCAL NOTE**

18 This bill extends the training and education requirements
20 relating to the use of video display terminals to employers with
2 or more terminals. The costs relating to enforcement can be
22 absorbed by the Department of Labor, and the costs related to
providing the training program can be absorbed by those state
24 agencies to whom this extension applies.'

26 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

28 This amendment replaces the bill and extends the education
30 and training requirement of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26,
32 section 252 to all employers with 2 or more terminals at one
location within the State. The amendment also provides that
34 employers with fewer than 5 terminals at one location may provide
education and training in writing only. The amendment also adds
36 a fiscal note to the bill.

Reported by the Committee on Labor.

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House.

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