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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION-1992

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H.P. 1524

House of Representatives, January 14, 1992

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.  
Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative RYDELL of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Senator KANY of Kennebec, Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro and  
Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland.

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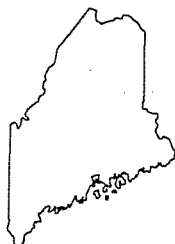
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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO

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**An Act to Provide More Efficient and Cost Effective Insurance for  
Maine State Employees.**

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

4 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1728-A, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

6 1-A. Workers' compensation insurance. The director shall provide workers' compensation insurance for the State Government.

8 A. The director shall establish and promote workplace health and safety programs for State Government places of employment.

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12 B. The director and the Director of the Bureau of Employee Health of the Department of Administration shall develop a plan for a pilot program utilizing 24-hour health benefits and indemnity insurance and submit the plan to the Legislature by December 1, 1992.

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18 C. Beginning no later than January 1, 1993, the director shall offer a pilot program utilizing 24-hour health benefits and indemnity insurance to a group or groups of at least 1000 State Government employees.

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24 D. The director and the Director of the Bureau of Employee Health shall report to the Legislature on the experience of the pilot program by December 1, 1994 and annually thereafter.

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28 Sec. 2. 39 MRSA §23, sub-§1-B is enacted to read:

30 1-B. Workers' compensation insurance for employees of State Government. State Government shall secure workers' compensation insurance from the Risk Management Division pursuant to Title 5, section 1728-A, subsection 1-A.

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36 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

38 This bill requires the Department of Administration, Risk Management Division to provide workers' compensation insurance for State Government and requires the establishment of workplace health and safety programs. The bill requires the director of the Risk Management Division and the Director of the Bureau of Employee Health to develop a pilot program utilizing 24-hour health benefits and indemnity insurance and to submit a proposal to the Legislature by December 1, 1992. The bill requires the pilot program for at least 1000 State Government employees to begin by January 1, 1993. The bill requires a report on the pilot program to the Legislature by December 1, 1994 and annually thereafter.

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50 The bill also requires State Government to secure its workers' compensation insurance from the Risk Management Division.