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House of Representatives, January 28, 1992

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

Cosponsored by President PRAY of Penobscot and Representative HUSSEY of Milo.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Encourage Workers' Compensation Insurers to Undertake
Employer Safety Programs.**



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

24-A MRSA §2362-C is enacted to read:

§2362-C. Workplace safety refund

1. Refund. A workers' compensation insurance carrier shall make a refund from a paid workers' compensation premium to an employer who:

A. Employs 10 or fewer individuals; and

B. Pays a fee to cover the attendance of an employee at a workplace safety program certified by the Bureau of Labor Standards. The employee must complete the workplace safety program before a refund is required under this section.

2. Amount of refund; effect. The premium refund must be the amount of the fee or fees paid by the employer for attendance of an employee or employees under subsection 1, paragraph B. An insurer may offset a credit under section 2366, subsection 7-A by the amount refunded under this section.

3. Program certification. The Bureau of Labor Standards shall establish by rule certification standards for qualifying workplace safety programs for the premium refund authorized in this section.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill allows an employer of 10 or fewer employees to receive a refund on a paid workers' compensation premium in an amount equal to the cost of paying for employee attendance at a workplace safety program certified by the Bureau of Labor Standards. Insurers are authorized to offset credits under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 2366, subsection 7-A by the amount of the refund.