

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 116th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 25

S.P. 29

In Senate, January 8, 1993

Reference to the Committee on Banking and Insurance suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CONLEY of Cumberland

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**An Act to Clarify Insurance Eligibility.**

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(EMERGENCY)



Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, in 1992 the changes in the workers' compensation laws inadvertently changed eligibility for state group accident and sickness or health insurance from workers' compensation commissioners to workers' compensation board members; and

Whereas, it is desirable that former workers' compensation commissioners eligible for that insurance retain their eligibility; and

Whereas, the present workers' compensation board members are not full-time employees of the State and should not be eligible for that insurance; and

Whereas, correction of the law is required promptly to clarify the insurance eligibility of former workers' compensation commissioners and present workers' compensation board members; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 1991, c. 885, Pt. D, §2, is further amended to read:

B. Any member of the judiciary or ~~workers' compensation board~~ Workers' Compensation Commission;

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill corrects an error made when the new Workers' Compensation Board was established in 1992. It restores eligibility for state group accident and sickness or health insurance for former commissioners of the Workers' Compensation Commission. It repeals eligibility for present members of the Workers' Compensation Board, as the new board members are not full-time employees of the State.