

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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116th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 676

S.P. 205

In Senate, February 25, 1993

An Act to Limit Attorney's Fees in Workers' Compensation Cases.

Reference to the Committee on Labor 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 HANLEY of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representatives: HILLOCK of Gorham, LEMONT of Kittery, TRUE of Fryeburg.

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

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3 **Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §325, sub-§4, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1991, c.
4 885, Pt. A, §8 and affected by §§9 to 11, is amended to read:

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7 B. The computation of the fee, based on the amount
8 resulting after deductions according to paragraph A, may not
9 exceed:

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(1) Ten Seven percent of the first \$50,000 of the
11 settlement;

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(2) ~~Nine~~ Six percent of the first \$10,000 over \$50,000
13 of the settlement;

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(3) ~~Eight~~ Five percent of the next \$10,000 over
15 \$50,000 of the settlement;

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(4) ~~Seven~~ Four percent of the next \$10,000 over
19 \$50,000 of the settlement;

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(5) ~~Six~~ Three percent of the next \$10,000 over \$50,000
21 of the settlement; and

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(6) ~~Five~~ Two percent of any amount over \$90,000 of the
23 settlement.
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STATEMENT OF FACT

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33 This bill adjusts downward the percentages allowed as
34 attorney's fees of the lump-sum settlement award after deduction
35 of the expenses incurred on the employee's behalf under the
36 workers' compensation laws.

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