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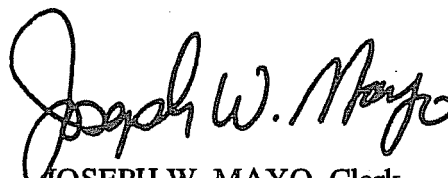
H.P. 894

House of Representatives, April 8, 1993

**An Act Regarding Veterans' Disabilities under the Workers'  
Compensation System.**

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Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative ERWIN of Rumford.

Cosponsored by Representative: PINEAU of Jay, Senator: LUTHER of Oxford.

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

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**Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §201, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 885, Pt. A, §8 and affected by §§9 to 11, is amended to read:

**4. Preexisting condition.** If a work-related injury aggravates, accelerates or combines with a preexisting physical condition, any resulting disability is compensable only if contributed to by the employment in a significant manner. In determining whether the employment contribution is significant, a fact finder may not count as part of any resulting disability any disability caused by a service-connected condition of a person who has served in the Armed Forces of the United States.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This bill ensures that a United States veteran who has a service-connected disability is not penalized under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 by that service-connected disability. It eliminates from the measure of disability any disability resulting from a service-connected condition.