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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1034, L.D. 1386, Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Financial Authority of the Workers' Compensation Board"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting in their place the following:

Sec. 1. 2 MRSA §6-E is enacted to read:

§6-E. Salaries of certain employees of the Workers' Compensation Board

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the salaries of the following employees of the Workers' Compensation Board are established by the Workers' Compensation Board and must be within the salary ranges indicated in this section.

1. Executive director. The salary of the executive director is within salary range 91.

2. General counsel. The salary of the general counsel is within salary range 86.

3. Deputy general counsel. The salary of the deputy general counsel is within salary range 85.

4. Assistants to the general counsel. The salary of the assistants to the general counsel is within salary range 82.

5. Deputy directors. The salary of the deputy directors is within the following salary ranges:

A. Deputy director of medical and rehabilitation, salary range 82;

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2 B. Deputy director of business services, salary range 82;

4 C. Deputy director of benefits administration, salary range 82; and

6 D. Deputy director of dispute resolution, salary range 82.

8 6. Hearing officers. The salary of the hearing officers is within salary range 90.

10 7. Mediators. The salary of the mediators is within salary range 80.

12 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §958 is enacted to read:**

14 **§958. Workers' Compensation Board**

16 1. Major policy-influencing positions. The following positions are major policy-influencing positions within the Workers' Compensation Board. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, these positions and their successor positions are subject to this chapter:

18 A. Executive director;

20 B. General counsel; and

22 C. Deputy directors.'

24 Further amend the bill by striking out all of sections 4 and 7.

26 Further amend the bill by inserting before the emergency clause the following:

28 **'Sec. 9. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

30 1993-94 1994-95

32 **WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD**

34 **Workers' Compensation Board**

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Personal Services	\$160,216	\$370,173
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38 Provides allocations of funds to meet salaries pursuant to section 1 of this Act to enable the board to set the salaries of the Executive Director and Hearing Officers positions.

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2	TOTAL	\$160,216	\$370,173'
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4 Further amend the bill by renumbering the sections to read
6 consecutively.

8 Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of
10 fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

12		1993-94	1994-95
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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

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16	Other Funds	\$160,216	\$370,173

18 The Workers' Compensation Board will require additional
20 other special revenue allocations of \$160,216 and \$370,173 in
22 fiscal years 1993-94 and 1994-95, respectively, for the
24 additional salary costs resulting from the establishment of new
salary ranges for certain positions of the board.

26 Allowing the board to impose reimbursement charges for
28 certain activities will result in insignificant increases in
dedicated revenues.

STATEMENT OF FACT

30 This amendment replaces the section of the bill related to
32 the salaries of certain employees of the Workers' Compensation
34 Board with a provision giving the board the authority to set the
36 salaries within the specified salary ranges. The amendment
38 removes a position that does not exist within the Workers'
40 Compensation Board from the list of major policy-influencing
42 positions. The amendment removes the 2 sections of the original
bill that required penalties to be deposited in the Workers'
Compensation Board Administrative Fund, rather than the General
Fund. The amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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