

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
118TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 875, L.D. 1192, Bill, "An Act to Provide Adjustments to Accommodate Increases in the Cost of Living for Injured Workers".

Amend the amendment in section 1 in subsection 1-A in paragraph B in the last line (page 1, line 44 in amendment) by inserting after the following: "year." the following: 'In no case may a single adjustment increase the amount of compensation more than 3%.'

Further amend the amendment in section 2 in subsection 5 in paragraph B in the last line (page 2, line 23 in amendment) by inserting after the following: "year." the following: 'In no case may a single adjustment increase the amount of compensation more than 3%.'

Further amend the amendment by inserting after section 2 the following:

**'Sec. 3. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

**1998-99**

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Salary Plan**

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2	Personal Services	\$9,223
4	Provides funds for increased workers' compensation costs related to certain cost-of-living provisions.	

6	<b>DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND</b>	
8	<b>FINANCIAL SERVICES</b>	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$9,223

10           **Sec. 4. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from the  
12 Highway Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

14 **1998-99**

16 **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES,**  
18 **DEPARTMENT OF**

20 **Salary Plan**

22	Personal Services	\$5,474
24	Provides funds for increased workers' compensation costs related to certain cost-of-living provisions.	

26	<b>DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND</b>	
28	<b>FINANCIAL SERVICES</b>	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$5,474'

32 **FISCAL NOTE** **1998-99**

34 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

36	General Fund	\$9,223
38	Highway Fund	5,474

40           Allowing cost-of-living increases for certain injured  
42 workers will increase the employer costs of the state employee  
44 workers' compensation program by a total of \$23,000 in fiscal  
year 1998-99 and \$81,000 in fiscal year 1999-2000 and thereafter.

46           A General Fund appropriation of \$9,223 and a Highway Fund  
48 allocation of \$5,474 in fiscal year 1998-99 are included to set  
aside amounts in the salary plan reserve accounts to fund the  
increases for General Fund and Highway Fund employees. The costs  
of employees paid by other funds, estimated to be \$8,303, may

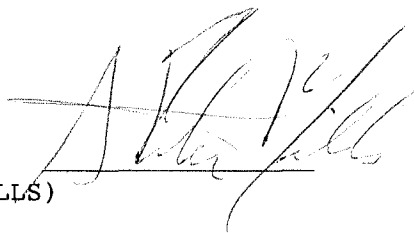
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require increased allotments to meet these additional personal  
services expenditures.

### SUMMARY

This amendment caps the annual cost-of-living adjustment at  
3%. It also adds an appropriation section and an allocation  
section.

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