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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 491, L.D. 1523, Bill, "An Act to Make the Workers' Compensation System More Equitable"

Amend the amendment in section 11 by adding at the end the following:

'9. Repeal. This section is repealed September 1, 1999.'

Further amend the amendment by inserting after section 15 the following:

'Sec. 16. Review of legal expenses and standards for legal representatives. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters shall review the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 39-A, section 325-A and no later than March 1, 1999 report out recommended legislation, including, but not limited to, the repeal of Title 39-A, section 325-A, subsection 9.

Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

FISCAL NOTE

This amendment, repealing certain rights of employees to legal representation as of September 1, 1999, will reduce the future costs added by the bill to the State's workers' compensation program. The amounts can not be determined at this time.

HOUSE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

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6 This amendment puts a repeal date of September 1, 1999 on
8 that section of the committee amendment that entitles an employee
10 who hires an attorney and who prevails to have the employee's
12 attorney's fees paid by the employer and requires the joint
14 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
16 labor matters to review that section of law and recommend whether
18 it should be continued.

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