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H.P. 955

House of Representatives, February 18, 1999

**An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Laws as They Pertain to
Wage Statements.**

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan.
Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and
Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, GOODWIN of
Pembroke, SAMSON of Jay, TRACY of Rome.

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

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Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §205, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 885, Pt. A, §8 and affected by §§9 to 11, is amended to read:

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8. Information. If the employer is making compensation payments under this section, the employer shall file with the board a statement of the employee's average weekly wages, as defined in section 2 102, subsection 4, within 30 15 days after the ~~initial--payment~~ employer has notice or knowledge of the injury or death, together with a wage statement or wage statements in the case of multiple employment. A copy of this information must be mailed to the person receiving payments. When the only compensation claimed or payable is for medical services, wage statements need not be submitted.

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SUMMARY

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Under current law, employers must file with the Workers' Compensation Board a wage statement for an employee for whom the employer is making compensation payments. This filing is due within 30 days after the initial payment. The bill amends this filing due date so that an employer would need to file the wage statement within 15 days after having notice or knowledge of the employee's injury or death for which compensation is being paid. This bill also corrects a reference to a definition.

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