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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1314, L.D. 1897, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Maximum Benefit Levels Provided for Injured Workers"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§211." in the 4th line from the end (page 1, line 14 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "January" and inserting in its place the following: 'July'

Further amend the bill in the 3rd line from the end (page 1, line 15 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "the higher of \$600 or 166% of"

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

This bill will increase the costs of the State's workers' compensation program. The amount of the increase can not be determined at this time. It will depend on the number of injured state employees eligible for the maximum benefit. Based on past experience and the 1997 state average weekly wage of \$471.27, the estimated cost will be approximately \$19,150 annually beginning in fiscal year 2000-01. An average annual increase of this size will not appreciably affect workers' compensation assessments on state departments and agencies.'

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the maximum benefit level to the state average weekly wage beginning July 1, 2000. This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT