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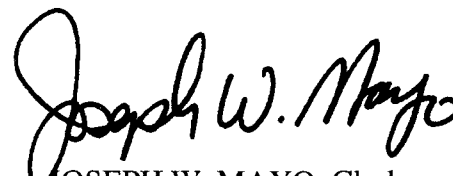
No. 1897

H.P. 1314

House of Representatives, March 16, 1999

An Act to Increase the Maximum Benefit Levels Provided for Injured Workers.

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan.
Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and
Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, BRYANT of Dixfield, GOODWIN of Pembroke,
SAMSON of Jay.

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

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Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §211, as amended by PL 1995, c. 560, Pt. G, §22, is further amended to read:

§211. Maximum benefit levels

Effective January 1, 1993, the maximum weekly benefit payable under section 212, 213 or 215 is \$441 or 90% of state average weekly wage, whichever is higher. Beginning on July 1, 1994, the maximum benefit level is the higher of \$441 or 90% of the state average weekly wage as adjusted annually utilizing the state average weekly wage as determined by the Department of Labor. Beginning on January 1, 2000, the maximum benefit level is the higher of \$600 or 166% of the state average weekly wage as adjusted annually utilizing the state average weekly wage as determined by the Department of Labor.

SUMMARY

This bill increases the maximum weekly benefit level under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 to the higher of \$600 or 166% of the state average weekly wage as adjusted annually utilizing the state average weekly wage as determined by the Department of Labor.