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H.P. 413

House of Representatives, February 6, 2001

**An Act to Prohibit the Delay in Provisional Payment of Certain
Disability Benefits.**

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative SMITH of Van Buren.
Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and
Representatives: PARADIS of Frenchville, PATRICK of Rumford, SAVAGE of Buxton,
VOLENIK of Brooklin.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §222, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 885,
Pt. A, §8 and affected by §§9 to 11, is amended to read:

6 **1. No delay of benefits.** If an employee is due benefits
8 from an employer or from a 3rd-party insurer under an insured
10 disability plan or insured medical payments plan because of a
12 personal injury or disease, the employer or 3rd-party insurer may
not delay or refuse payment of those benefits because the
employee filed a workers' compensation claim based on the same
personal injury or disease.

14 **SUMMARY**

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18 Current law prohibits employers from delaying or refusing
20 payment of disability benefits due an employee because the
employee filed a workers' compensation claim based on the same
injury or disease. This bill extends that prohibition to
3rd-party insurers.