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H.P. 592

House of Representatives, February 13, 2001

**An Act to Ensure That State Employees Receiving Workers'  
Compensation and Filling a Limited Period Position Remain in Their  
Respective Bargaining Units.**

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Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative HUTTON of Bowdoinham.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BULL of Freeport, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook,  
GERZOFKY of Brunswick, MATTHEWS of Winslow, NORTON of Bangor,  
TARAZEWICH of Waterboro, Senator: CATHCART of Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. PL 1997, c. 24, Pt. A, §4, first ¶** is amended to read:

6 **Sec. A-4. Workers' compensation positions.** Limited period  
8 positions may be established for former regular employees of the  
10 State who are presently receiving workers' compensation payments  
12 from the State when that action will enable those employees to  
14 return to productive employment with the State. These positions  
16 may be established, providing funds are available, only until  
those employees can be returned to regular positions. A person  
placed in a limited period position created pursuant to this  
section is considered to be a member of the same bargaining unit  
of which that person was a member prior to the injury that  
resulted in payments under the workers' compensation law.

18 **Sec. 2. Retroactivity.** This Act applies retroactively to June  
20 26, 1997.

22 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill clarifies the bargaining unit status of a state  
26 employee who is placed in a limited period position to enable the  
28 person to return to employment following a work-related injury.  
The bill provides that the person is a member of the same  
bargaining unit of which the person was a member prior to the  
injury.