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House of Representatives, February 15, 2001

**An Act to Classify Employer-provided Medical Treatment as a Payment
under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992.**

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative BRYANT of Dixfield.
Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and
Representatives: DUNLAP of Old Town, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, HATCH of
Skowhegan, MAILHOT of Lewiston, PATRICK of Rumford, PINEAU of Jay, THOMAS of
Orono, TUTTLE of Sanford.

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

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Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §306, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 354,
4 §6 and affected by §10, is amended to read:

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2. Payment of benefits. If an employer or insurer pays
benefits under this Act, with or without prejudice, within the
8 period provided in subsection 1, the period during which an
employee or other interested party must file a petition is 6
10 years from the date of the most recent payment. For purposes of
this subsection, the provision of medical treatment by a person
12 employed by the employer or under direct contract with the
employer constitutes the payment of a benefit under this Act.

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SUMMARY

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This bill provides that medical treatment provided by an
employee or direct contractor of the employer constitutes a
20 benefit payment by the employer for purposes of determining when
an injured employee must file a petition with the Workers'
22 Compensation Board.