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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 822, L.D. 2202, Bill, "An Act to Ensure that 25% of Workers' Compensation Cases with Permanent Impairment Remain Eligible for Duration-of-disability Benefits in Accordance With the Workers' Compensation Act"

Amend the amendment in Part A by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. A-3. 39-A MRSA §212-A is enacted to read:

§212-A. Compensation for loss of body part or vision

An employee who suffers a loss of a body part or vision as described in section 212, subsection 2 or 3 is entitled to a lump sum payment equal to 80% of the employee's average weekly wage multiplied by the number of weeks of presumed incapacity under the applicable subsection. This lump sum is payable in addition to benefits payable to the employee under any other section of this Act.'

Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

FISCAL NOTE


This amendment increases the General Fund and Highway Fund cost of the bill by authorizing a lump sum payment to an injured employee who loses a body part or eyesight in a work-related accident in addition to any weekly benefits to which the employee is entitled under the provisions of the Workers' Compensation

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Act of 1992. The increase in costs to state agencies through
increased workers' compensation payments and premiums can not be
determined at this time.

SUMMARY

This amendment provides for a lump sum payment to an injured
employee who loses a body part or eyesight in a work accident.
The lump sum would be payable in addition to any weekly benefits
to which the employee is entitled under other provisions of the
Workers' Compensation Act of 1992.

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