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An Act To Require the Workers' Compensation Board To Adopt Rules To Require Electronic Filing

Reported by Representative SMITH of Van Buren for the Workers' Compensation Board pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 39-A, section 152, subsection 11.

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed under Joint Rule 218.

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Clerk

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

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Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §152, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 885,
4 Pt. A, §8 and affected by §§9 to 11, is amended to read:

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2. Rules. Subject to any applicable requirements of the
Maine Administrative Procedure Act, the board shall adopt rules
8 to accomplish the purposes of this Act. Those rules may define
terms, prescribe forms and make suitable orders of procedure to
10 ensure the speedy, efficient, just and inexpensive disposition of
all proceedings under this Act.

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The board shall adopt rules establishing a policy and procedures
14 to safeguard the confidentiality of the records of the former
Workers' Compensation Commission and the Workers' Compensation
16 Board pertaining to individual injured employees. The policy
must make records available on a need-to-know basis only and must
18 include legitimate research purposes while protecting individual
confidentiality.

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The board shall adopt routine technical rules requiring the
22 electronic filing of information required by this Act and rules
adopted by the board.

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SUMMARY

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This bill requires the Workers' Compensation Board to adopt
rules requiring the electronic filing of information.