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16 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
18 121ST LEGISLATURE
20 FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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20 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 438, L.D. 575, Bill, "An
Act To Encourage Workers' Compensation Dispute Resolutions"

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24 Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 8 in the 4th line
(page 1, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "section
313, subsection 6 and"

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Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 2.

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Further amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the
following:

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'Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following
appropriations and allocations are made.

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WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD

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Administration - Workers' Compensation Board

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Initiative: Provides base allocations for the Advocate Program
Fund.

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Other Special Revenue Funds	2003-04	2004-05
All Other	\$500	\$500
Other Special Revenue Funds Total	\$500	\$500'

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

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

SUMMARY

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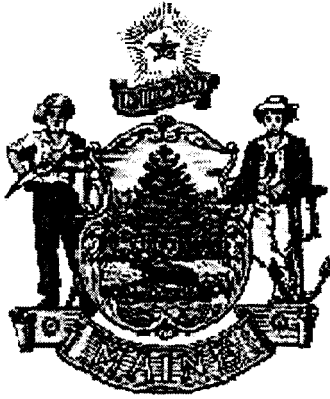
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This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor. It deletes the provision of the bill allowing the Workers' Compensation Board to impose a \$500 surcharge on an employer following mediation under certain circumstances. The bill would continue to provide for a \$1,500 surcharge following formal hearing when the employee retains or obtains a greater benefit than the employer offered prior to the hearing.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**



LD 575

An Act to Encourage Workers' Compensation Dispute Resolutions

LR 1517(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Labor

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

	2003-04	2004-05	Projections 2005-06	Projections 2006-07
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes Other Special Revenue Funds allocations in fiscal year 2003-04 and fiscal year 2004-05 to establish base allocations for the Advocate Program Fund within the Workers' Compensation Board. The amount of revenue to be deposited into the Fund from surcharges cannot be determined at this time.