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In Senate, December 17, 2003

An Act To Amend the Fees Paid to Attorneys for Lump-sum Settlements in Workers' Compensation Cases

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 17, 2003. Referred to the Committee on Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRYANT of Oxford. Cosponsored by Representative PATRICK of Rumford and Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, DUNLAP of Old Town, GERZOFSKY of Brunswick, HUTTON of Bowdoinham.

2	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
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4	Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §325, sub-§4, \P B, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 885, Pt. A, §8 and affected by §§9 to 11, is amended to read:
б	B. The computation of the fee, based on the amount resulting after deductions according to paragraph A, may not
8	exceed: 25% of the settlement.
10	(1)Tenpercentoffirst\$50,000ofthe- settlement;
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14	(2)Nine-percent-of-the-first-\$10,000-over-\$50,000-of the-settlement;
16	(3)Eight-percent-of-the-next-\$10,000-over-\$50,000-of the-settlement;
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	(4) Seven-percent-of-the-next-\$10,000-over-\$50,000-of
20	the-settlement;
22	(5) Six percent-ofthe-next \$10,000 -ever- \$50,000 -of the-settlement;-and
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26	(6)Five-percent-of-any-amount-over-\$90,000-of-the settlement.
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20	SUMMARY
30	This bill limits the amount of attorney's fees for lump-sum
32	settlements in workers' compensation cases to 25% of the settlement.

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