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1	L.D. 1314
2	Date: $5/31/7$ (Filing No. H-393)
3	LABOR
4	Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.
5	STATE OF MAINE
6	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
7	123RD LEGISLATURE
8	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
9 10 11 12	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 922, L.D. 1314, Bill, "An Act To Reimburse MaineCare in Certain Workers' Compensation Cases"  Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:
13	'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §14, sub-§2-J is enacted to read:
14 15 16 17 18 19	2-J. Authority to contract for attorney services. The department is authorized to pursue rights under this section, including 3rd-party reimbursement of MaineCare costs in workers' compensation claims cases, through contracted attorney services. The department may adopt rules as necessary to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'
20 21	Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.
22	SUMMARY
23 24 25	This amendment adds to the bill a provision authorizing the Department of Health and Human Services to contract for attorney services in order to pursue reimbursement of MaineCare costs in workers' compensation claims cases.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)

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## 123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1314

LR 1462(02)

An Act To Reimburse MaineCare in Certain Workers' Compensation Cases

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " A "
Committee: Labor
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

## **Fiscal Note**

Potential current biennium savings - General Fund Minor cost increase - General Fund Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

## Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill could result in savings to the MaineCare program as a result of increased recoveries of MaineCare-paid costs covered by workers compensation. The amount of these recoveries and resulting MaineCare savings cannot be determined at this time.

Additional costs to the Workers' Compensation Board associated with making the required notification can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

Additional costs to the Department of the Attorney General associated with providing legal services can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.