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House of Representatives, April 12, 2007

**An Act Regarding Payment of Penalties for Nonpayment of Bills for
Medical or Health Care Services under the Maine Workers'
Compensation Act of 1992**

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

Received by the Clerk of the House on April 11, 2007. Referred to the Committee on Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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Clerk

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

2 **Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §205, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 885, Pt. A, §8 and
3 as affected by §§9 to 11, is amended to read:

4 **4. Payment of bills for medical or health care services.** When there is no ongoing
5 dispute, if ~~medical~~ bills for medical or health care services are not paid within 30 days
6 after the carrier has received notice of nonpayment by certified mail from the provider of
7 the medical or health care services or, if the bill was paid by the employee, from the
8 employee who paid for the medical or health care services, \$50 or the amount of the bill
9 due, whichever is less, must be added and paid to the ~~Workers' Compensation Board~~
10 ~~Administrative Fund~~ provider of the medical or health care services or, if the bill was
11 paid by the employee, to the employee who paid for the medical or health care services
12 for each day over 30 days in which the ~~medical~~ bills for medical or health care services
13 are not paid. Not more than \$1,500 in total may be added pursuant to this subsection.

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SUMMARY

15 This bill provides that penalties for nonpayment of bills for medical or health care
16 services provided in a workers' compensation case are payable to the provider of the
17 medical or health care services or the employee who paid for the medical or health care
18 services instead of the Workers' Compensation Board Administrative Fund.