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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

124TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 500, L.D. 1384, Bill, "An Act To Clarify Apportionment of Benefits for Multiple Work Injuries"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §354, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1999, c. 354, §9, is further amended to read:

3. Subrogation. Any insurer determined to be liable for benefits under subsection 2 must be subrogated to the employee's rights under this Act for all benefits the insurer has paid and for which another insurer may be liable. Apportionment decisions made under this subsection may not affect an employee's rights and benefits under this Act. There may be no reduction of an employee's entitlement to any benefits under this Act payable by an insurer based on a prior work-related injury that was the subject of a lump sum settlement approved by the board prior to the date of the injury for which the insurer is responsible. The board has jurisdiction over proceedings to determine the apportionment of liability among responsible insurers.

Sec. 2. Retroactivity. This Act applies retroactively to all injuries including pending cases and cases on appeal.'

SUMMARY

The amendment clarifies that there will be no reduction of an employee's entitlement to any workers' compensation benefits based on the lump sum settlement of a prior work-related injury.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 1384

LR 1760(02)

An Act To Clarify Apportionment of Benefits for Multiple Work Injuries

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Labor

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - All Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The provision that an employee's entitlement to any workers' compensation benefits will not be reduced as a result of a lump sum settlement of a prior work related injury is not expected to have a significant impact on workers' compensation costs to the State or local units of government.