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R. 142

Date: 5/8/13

L.D. 458

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
126TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 308, L.D. 458, Bill, "An Act Regarding Comparative Negligence"

Amend the bill in section 1 in the indented paragraph in the 6th line (page 1, line 9 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "than the" the following: 'combined'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, amends the bill by clarifying that if a jury finds that the fault of a claimant is greater than the combined fault of all other persons, the claimant may not recover.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 458

LR 1765(02)

An Act Regarding Comparative Negligence

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (H-142)
Committee: Judiciary
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund
Current biennium cost increase - Highway Fund
Current biennium cost increase - Other Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This change in the comparative negligence laws will result in higher premium payments for all state agencies. The total annual cost is estimated to be \$88,000. The General Fund cost is estimated to be \$12,733 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$28,670 in fiscal year 2014-15. The Highway Fund cost is estimated to be \$12,733 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$16,978 in fiscal year 2014-15.