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L.D. 1896

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Date: 2/16/24

(Filing No. S-534 )

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**131ST LEGISLATURE**

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**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 767, L.D. 1896, "An Act to Index  
10 Workers' Compensation Benefits to the Rate of Inflation"

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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

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**'Resolve, Directing the Workers' Compensation Board to Analyze Data on the  
13 Adequacy of Certain Maine Workers' Compensation Benefits'**

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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

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**'Sec. 1. Workers' Compensation Board to identify and conduct an analysis  
16 of claims and payments. Resolved:** That the Workers' Compensation Board, referred  
17 to in this resolve as "the board," using data supplied by insurers, 3rd-party administrators,  
18 group self-insurers and individual self-insured employers, shall identify and analyze the  
19 compensation and benefits provided to an individual claimant pursuant to the Maine  
20 Revised Statutes, Title 39-A, section 212 for total incapacity, section 213 for partial  
21 incapacity and section 215 for death and any other relevant data and available reports. For  
22 each claimant, the analysis must include, but is not limited to, data and reports relating to  
23 the following components:

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1. The claim identification number assigned by the board;

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2. The claim identification number assigned by the insurer, 3rd-party administrator,  
26 group self-insurer or individual self-insured employer;

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3. The date of injury;

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4. The average weekly wage;

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5. The compensation rate;

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6. For a claimant pursuant to Title 39-A, section 212, the number of weeks of  
31 compensation and benefits paid;

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7. For a claimant pursuant to Title 39-A, section 213, the number of weeks of  
33 compensation and benefits paid and the number of weeks for which the benefit was 100%  
34 partial;

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**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 767, L.D. 1896 (5534)

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The amendment also requires the board to provide monthly updates to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over workers' compensation matters and submit a final report no later than August 16, 2025.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1896

LR 2397(02)

**An Act to Index Workers' Compensation Benefits to the Rate of Inflation**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-534)**  
**Committee: Labor and Housing**  
**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Workers' Compensation Board to conduct the required analysis and provide the monthly updates can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.