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EIGHTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 731

S. P. 63

In Senate, Feb. 23, 1933.

Reported by Senator Kitchen of Aroostook from Committee on Claims and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Kitchen of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE

RESOLVE, Authorizing Payment of Accident Compensation to Leon P. Shepard.

Leon P. Shepard, compensated for accident. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated, the sum of \$712.72 to be paid to Leon P. Shepard for compensation due him under an award of the industrial accident commission, to be paid from the funds of the state highway police.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Sergeant Leon P. Shepard was injured in line of duty September 5, 1925 and was on a compensation basis for 58 1-7 weeks and returned to full duty status August 24, 1926.

He was again injured in line of duty July 13, 1927 and was on a compensation basis for 17 weeks from July 24, 1927 to December 3, 1927 when he was returned to full duty status.

At a subsequent hearing of the matter April 22, 1931, the Industrial Accident Commission awarded permanent disability for the first injury for a period of 75 weeks at \$16.00 per week, and in the second injury 41 2-3 weeks at \$17.96 per week. He had already been paid under the compensation for the two accidents amounting to \$1235.61, leaving a balance due under the compensation mandate of \$712.72.

Following the decree of the Industrial Accident Commission the bill was presented to the state auditor and he declined to allow it as more than 2 years had elapsed since the injury occurred. The matter was again taken up with the state controller after the code bill went in effect and he held the same as the state auditor, the only way it could be paid would be by authority of the state legislature.