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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Amend the Workmen's Compensation Act as to Waiting  
Period and Compensation Benefits.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 26, § 10, amended.** Section 10 of chapter 26 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed, and in place thereof is substituted a new section to read as follows:

**'Sec. 10. Waiting period; when compensation therefor payable. No compensation, except medical benefits, shall be payable for the first 7 days of incapacity; provided, however, that in case incapacity continues for more than 14 days, compensation shall be allowed from the date of incapacity.'**

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 26, § 11, amended** The 1st sentence of section 11 of chapter 26 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'While the incapacity for work resulting from the injury is total, the employer shall pay the injured employee a weekly compensation equal to 2/3 his average weekly wages, earnings or salary, but not more than ~~\$24~~ \$24 nor less than ~~\$7~~ \$9 a week; and in no case shall the period covered by such compensation be greater than 500 weeks from the date of the accident, nor the amount more than ~~\$7,500~~ \$9,000.'**

**Sec. 3. R. S., c. 26, § 12, amended.** Section 12 of chapter 26 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 12. Compensation for partial incapacity.** While the incapacity for work resulting from the injury is partial, the employer shall pay the injured employee a weekly compensation equal to  $\frac{2}{3}$  the difference, due to said injury, between his average weekly wages, earnings, or salary before the accident and the weekly wages, earnings, or salary which he is able to earn thereafter, but not more than ~~\$2+~~ \$24 a week; and in no case shall the period covered by such compensation be greater than 300 weeks from the date of the accident.'

**Sec. 4. R. S., c. 26, § 15, amended.** The 1st sentence of section 15 of chapter 26 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'If death results from the injury, the employer shall pay the dependents of the employee, wholly dependent upon his earnings for support at the time of his accident, a weekly payment equal to  $\frac{2}{3}$  his average weekly wages, earnings or salary, but not more than ~~\$2+~~ \$24 nor less than ~~\$7~~ \$9 a week, from the date of death for a period ending 300 weeks from the date of the accident, and in no case to exceed ~~\$5,000~~ \$6,000.'