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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1070**

S. P. 374

In Senate, March 1, 1955

Referred to the Committee on Labor, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator St. Pierre of Androscoggin.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Relating to Compensation for Specific Injuries Under The  
Workmen's Compensation Act.**

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

**R. S., c. 31, § 13, amended.** Section 13 of chapter 31 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 13. Compensation for specified injuries; permanent impairment.** In cases of injuries included in the following schedule the incapacity in each such case shall be deemed to be total for the period specified; and after such specified period, if there be a total or partial incapacity for work resulting from the injury, the employee shall receive compensation while such total or partial incapacity continues under the provisions of sections 11 and 12 respectively. The specific periods during which compensation for presumed total incapacity is to be paid because of the injuries hereinafter specified shall be as follows:

For the loss of a thumb, ~~50~~ 60 weeks.

For the loss of the 1st finger, commonly called the index finger, ~~30~~ 45 weeks.

For the loss of the 2nd finger, commonly called the middle finger, ~~25~~ 30 weeks.

For the loss of the 3rd finger, commonly called the ring finger, ~~18~~ 20 weeks.

For the loss of the 4th finger, commonly called the little finger, 15 weeks.

The loss of the 1st phalanx of the thumb or of any finger shall be considered to be equal to the loss of ½ of said thumb or finger, and the compensation therefor shall be ½ the amount above specified. The loss of more than 1 phalanx

shall be considered as the loss of the entire thumb or finger. Provided, however, that in no case shall the amount received for the loss of a thumb and more than 1 finger of the same hand exceed the amount specified in this schedule for the loss of a hand.

For the loss of the great toe, ~~25~~ 30 weeks.

For the loss of one of the toes other than the great toe, 10 weeks.

The loss of the 1st phalanx of any toe shall be considered to be equal to the loss of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of said toe, and the compensation therefor shall be  $\frac{1}{2}$  the amount above specified. The loss of more than 1 phalanx shall be considered as the loss of the entire toe.

For the loss of a hand, ~~125~~ 150 weeks.

For the loss of an arm, or any part thereof above the wrist, ~~150~~ 200 weeks.

For the loss of a foot, 125 weeks.

For the loss of a leg, or any part thereof above the ankle, ~~150~~ 175 weeks.

For the loss of an eye, or the reduction of the sight of an eye, with glasses, to  $\frac{1}{10}$  of the normal vision, 100 weeks.

For the total and permanent loss of hearing in one ear, ~~50~~ 65 weeks.

For the total and permanent loss of hearing in both ears, ~~100~~ 150 weeks.

In all other cases of injury to the above-mentioned members or eyes where the usefulness of any physical function thereof is permanently impaired, the specific compensable periods for presumed total incapacity on account thereof shall bear such relation to the periods above specified as the percentage of permanent impairment due to the injury to such members or eyes shall bear to the total loss thereof; and the Commission upon petition therefor by either party shall determine such percentage.