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**Legislative Document**

**No. 318**

H. P. 223

House of Representatives, January 30, 1957.

Referred to the Committee on Labor. Sent up for concurrence and 750 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hickey of Biddeford.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Relating to Costs of Witness and Attorney Fees Under 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, § 32, amended.** Section 32 of chapter 31 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new paragraph, as follows:

'When proceedings are taken under section 33, the Commission or Commissioner conducting any hearing under this chapter may, in his discretion, allow to the party petitioner found to have reasonable grounds to have taken such proceedings, and has instituted the same in good faith and under a claim of right, costs of witness fees and a reasonable attorney fee, when in the judgment of the said Commission or Commissioner the attendance of such witnesses, and the services of an attorney and medical witnesses were necessary for the proper presentation of the case.'