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Legislative Document

No. 698

S. P. 258

In Senate, February 13, 1957.

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Woodcock of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Claims for Compensation for Hernia.

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

R. S., c. 31, § 8-A, additional. Chapter 31 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 8-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 8-A. Claims for compensation for hernia. In all cases of hernia claims it shall be shown to the satisfaction of the Commission:

I. That the descent of the hernia immediately followed as the result of sudden effort, severe strain or the application of force directly to the abdominal wall;

II. That there was severe pain in the hernial region;

III. That such prostration resulted so that the employee was compelled to cease work immediately;

IV. That the occurrence of the hernia was noticed by the claimant and communicated to the employer within 72 hours;

V. That the physical distress following the occurrence of the hernia was such so as to require the attendance of a licensed physician or surgeon within 72 hours of such occurrence.'