

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

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**Sec. 3. Transition clause.** The members of the Capitol Planning Commission appointed pursuant to Title 5, section 298, subsections 2 and 3, who are serving on the effective date of this Act shall serve the remainder of their terms as members of the commission.

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 109

H. P. 377 — L. D. 540

**AN ACT to Permit Signed Statements of Psychologists and Chiropractors to be Admitted into Evidence Before the Workers' Compensation Board.**

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

**39 MRSA § 93, sub-§ 3, last ¶**, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 696, § 406, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**Signed statements by a medical doctor or osteopathic physician relating to medical questions, by a psychologist relating to psychological questions or by a chiropractor relating to chiropractic questions, shall be admissible in workers' compensation hearings before the Workers' Compensation Commission, providing that notice of that testimony to be used is given and service of a copy of the letter or report is made on the opposing counsel 14 days before the scheduled hearing to enable that counsel to depose or subpoena and cross-examine that medical doctor, osteopathic physician, psychologist or chiropractor if he so chooses.**

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 110

H. P. 420 — L. D. 533

**AN ACT Relating to Interest on Benefits under the Workers' Compensation Act.**

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

**39 MRSA § 72, as amended by PL 1977, c. 612, § 8, is further amended to read:**

**§ 72. Interest on awards**

Upon each award of the Workers' Compensation Commission, interest shall be assessed from the date on which the ~~last filed~~ petition for award is filed at a rate of 6% per year, provided that if the prevailing party at any time requests and obtains a continuance for a period in excess of 30 days interest will be suspended for the duration of the continuance. From and after the date of award the decree, interest shall be allowed at the rate of 10% per year. This section shall not apply to claims involving employees of the State of Maine and shall be enforced by the Workers' Compensation Commission.

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 111

H. P. 397 — L. D. 504

### AN ACT Concerning Workers' Compensation for Fire Personnel.

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

**Sec. 1.** 39 MRSA § 64-B, as amended by PL 1975, c. 480, § 10, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

**For the purposes of this section, a person shall be considered an active member of a municipal fire department or of a volunteer fire fighters' association if that person is a member of a municipal fire department or volunteer fire fighters' association and if that person aids in the extinguishment of fires, regardless of whether or not that person has administrative duties or other duties as a member of the municipal fire department or volunteer fire fighters' association.**

**Sec. 2.** 39 MRSA § 64-C, as amended by PL 1975, c. 480, § 10, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

**For the purposes of this section, a person shall be considered an active member of a municipal fire department or of a volunteer fire fighters' association if that person is a member of a municipal fire department or volunteer fire fighters' association and if that person aids in the extinguishment of fires, regardless of whether or not that person has administrative duties or other duties as a member of the municipal fire department or volunteer fire fighters' association.**

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 112

H. P. 208 — L. D. 257

**AN ACT Concerning the Maine Automobile and Property Insurance Cancellation Control Act.**