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CHAPTER 713
H. P. 1795 — L. D. 1911

**AN ACT to Provide for Improved Information on Workers' Compensation and to
Provide Funds for Full-time Workers' Compensation Commissioners.**

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

Sec. 1. 39 MRSA § 99, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 613, § 2 and c. 632, §§ 1 and 2, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

In any case upon which a commissioner whose term has expired has completed hearing all of the evidence, that commissioner shall render a decision on that case as soon as practicable. That decision has the same effect as if it were rendered by a commissioner whose term had not expired. Any commissioner whose term has expired is entitled to \$50 per day for each day spent preparing and issuing any decision under this paragraph.

Sec. 2. 39 MRSA § 108, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771, § 425, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 108. Reports

The Director of the Bureau of Labor shall provide an annual report relating to the number and character of occupational injuries and illnesses and their effect, as required under Title 26, section 42.

The chairman of the commission shall further assist the Director of the Bureau of Labor to assure that necessary information regarding the administrative processes, costs and other factors related to the Workers' Compensation Act and the Occupational Disease Law are included in the report. The Superintendent of Insurance shall assist the Director of the Bureau of Labor by providing the following information on an annual basis: A tabulation of premium and loss data, on an accrual accounting basis, regarding those insurance companies authorized by the Bureau of Insurance to write workers' compensation in the State, together with similar data for self-insurance worker compensation plans regulated by the Bureau of Insurance.

The chairman of the commission, the Director of the Bureau of Labor and the Superintendent of Insurance shall provide such further occasional reports through their joint or individual efforts as they deem necessary to the improved function and administration of the Workers' Compensation Act and the Occupational Disease Law.