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apply to a commission order or decision except as otherwise provided in this section.

4. **Payment of interest.** In cases where after appeal by an employer the original order or decision rendered by the commission or by any commissioner is affirmed, there shall be added to any amounts payable under the order or decision, the payment of which is delayed by such appeal, interest to the date of payment.

5. **Expenses of appeal.** In all cases of appeal, the Law Court may order a reasonable allowance to be paid to the employee by the employer for expenses incurred in the proceedings of the appeal, including the record, but not including expenses incurred in other proceedings in the case.

Effective September 18, 1981

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## CHAPTER 200

S. P. 286 — L. D. 812

**AN ACT to Amend the Workers' Compensation Law to Facilitate Ridesharing.**

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

39 MRSA § 51, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 480, § 6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

### § 51. Entitlement to compensation and services generally

1. **Entitlement.** If an employee who has not given notice of his claim of common law or statutory rights of action, or who has given the notice and has waived the same, as provided in section 28 receives a personal injury arising out of and in the course of his employment or is disabled by occupational disease, he shall be paid compensation and furnished medical and other services by the employer who has assented to become subject to this Act.

2. **Injury while participating in rideshare programs.** An employee injured while participating in a private, group or employer sponsored car pool, van pool, commuter bus service or other rideshare program, having as its sole purpose the mass transportation of employees to and from work, for the purposes of this Act, shall not be deemed to have received personal injury arising out of or in the course of his employment. Nothing in the foregoing shall be held to deny benefits under this Act to employees such as drivers, mechanics and others who receive remuneration for their participation in the rideshare programs.

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