

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

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CHAPTER 550

H.P. 1287 - L.D. 1705

AN ACT Relating to the Position of Counsel for the Maine Human Rights Commission.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4566, sub-§3, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 674, §8, is amended to read:

3. Personnel. To appoint a full-time executive secretary and ~~chief compliance officer~~ counsel to the commission, not subject to the Personnel Law, and determine their remuneration; and to appoint, subject to the Personnel Law, other personnel including, but not limited to, investigators, attorneys, compliance personnel and secretaries, as it shall deem necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Act.;

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	<u>1983-84</u>	<u>1984-85</u>
<u>MAINE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION</u>		
Positions	(1)	(1)
Personal Services	\$20,926	\$29,238
All Other	<u>12,000</u>	<u>16,000</u>
Total	\$32,926	\$45,238

Effective September 23, 1983.

CHAPTER 551

H.P. 1238 - L.D. 1647

AN ACT to Encourage Competition in Workers' Compensation Insurance Rates.

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2303, sub-§1, ¶F is enacted to read:

F. In the case of workers' compensation insurance, maximum premiums and rates shall be established.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2317, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. This section or section 2316 shall not apply to a workers' compensation insurance member or subscriber making or issuing a contract or policy at a premium or rate below the approved maximum premium or rate.

Sec. 3. 39 MRSA §22, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 211, is amended to read:

1. Approval required. Every insurance company issuing workers' compensation insurance policies covering the payment of compensation and benefits provided for in this Act shall file with the Superintendent of Insurance a copy of the form of the policies and no policy ~~shall~~ may be issued until he has approved the form. It shall file its classification of risks and maximum premium rates relating thereto, and any subsequent proposed classification thereof, none of which shall take effect until the Superintendent of Insurance has approved the same as adequate for the risks to which they respectively apply. He may require the filing of specific maximum rates for workers' compensation insurance, including classifications of risks, experience or any other rating information from insurance companies authorized to transact insurance in Maine and may make or cause to be made such investigations as may be deemed necessary to satisfy himself that the maximum rates are correct and proper before giving his approval and permitting the rates to be promulgated for the use of those companies. The Superintendent of Insurance may at any time withdraw his approval of any classification of risks or maximum premium rates relating thereto and approve a revised classification thereof.

Sec. 4. 39 MRSA §22, sub-§3-B is enacted to read:

3-B. Maximum premium rates. Rates determined by the superintendent under this section are maximum rates. Premium rates less than those approved may be used and filed with the superintendent. If the superintendent has reason to believe that the filing produces rates which are inadequate or unfairly discriminatory, he may disapprove them under Title 24-A, chapters 23 and 25.