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**An Act Regarding Payment of Penalties for Nonpayment
of Bills for Medical or Health Care Services under
the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992**

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

Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §205, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 885, Pt. A, §8 and as affected by §§9 to 11, is amended to read:

4. Payment of bills for medical or health care services. When there is no ongoing dispute, if ~~medical bills~~ for medical or health care services are not paid within 30 days after the carrier has received notice of nonpayment by certified mail from the provider of the medical or health care services or, if the bill was paid by the employee, from the employee who paid for the medical or health care services, \$50 or the amount of the bill due, whichever is less, must be added and paid to the ~~Workers' Compensation Board Administrative Fund~~ provider of the medical or health care services or, if the bill was paid by the employee, to the employee who paid for the medical or health care services for each day over 30 days in which the ~~medical bills~~ for medical or health care services are not paid. Not more than \$1,500 in total may be added pursuant to this subsection.

SUMMARY

This bill provides that penalties for nonpayment of bills for medical or health care services provided in a workers' compensation case are payable to the provider of the medical or health care services or the employee who paid for the medical or health care services instead of the Workers' Compensation Board Administrative Fund.