



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Achieve Mental Health Parity in Workers' Compensation

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Bellows of Kennebec

Committee: Labor and Housing

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Potential current biennium cost increase - All Funds

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Fiscal Detail and Notes

The provisions in this bill that 1) change the standard of proof required to demonstrate entitlement to compensation for a mental injury caused by stress to the same standard required for physical injuries; and 2) specify that a work-related injury that aggravates a preexisting mental condition may result in a compensable disability may result in increased costs to the State as a direct reimbursement employer and to local units of government. The impact on rates will depend on actual experience.