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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN

H.P. 428 - L.D. 612

An Act To Improve Vocational Rehabilitation 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Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §217, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 647, §14, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 39-A MRSA §217, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Reduction of benefits. If an employee is actively participating in a rehabilitation plan ordered pursuant to subsection 2, benefits may not be reduced except:

A. Under section 205, subsection 9, paragraph A, upon the employee's return to work with or an increase in pay from an employer who is paying the employee compensation under this Act;

B. Under section 205, subsection 9, paragraph B, based on the amount of actual documented earnings paid to the employee; or

C. When the employee reaches the durational limit of benefits paid under section 213.