

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY

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S.P. 638 - L.D. 1866

**An Act To Increase the Automatic Draft Authority for Licensed Insurance Producers**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** this legislation must take effect before the end of the 90-day period to address, as soon as possible, the increased frequency of severe weather occurrences between December and April and the resulting property damage claims; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §1402, sub-§1, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 1997, c. 457, §23 and affected by §55, is amended to read:

C. Licensed producers authorized by contract to settle and pay claims within a specified limit established by the insurer or fraternal benefit society not to exceed ~~\$5,000~~ \$10,000 or, temporarily under the same circumstance described in section 1475, \$20,000;

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.