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House of Representatives, March 15, 2011

An Act Regarding the Computation of Workers' Compensation Rates Based on Past Claims

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative FITZPATRICK of Houlton.
Cosponsored by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset and
Representatives: DOW of Waldoboro, FITTS of Pittsfield, HAMPER of Oxford, LOVEJOY of
Portland, McKANE of Newcastle, MORRISON of South Portland, RICHARDSON of Warren,
TILTON of Harrington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §3714, sub-§7, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2001, c. 350, §10, is
3 amended to read:

4 A. An employer must be placed in the high-risk program if the employer has at
5 least 2 lost-time claims, each greater than ~~\$10,000~~ \$40,000 of incurred loss, and a
6 loss ratio greater than 1.0 during the previous 3-year experience rating period.
7 Notwithstanding paragraph C, an employer may also be placed in the high-risk
8 program during the term of a policy for noncompliance with reasonable safety
9 standards.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 Under current law, an employer is placed in a high-risk pool if the employer has at
12 least 2 lost-time claims, each greater than \$10,000 of incurred loss during the previous
13 3-year experience rating period. This bill increases the incurred loss amount from
14 \$10,000 to \$40,000.