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An Act to Increase the Annual Cap on Funds Assessed for the Safety Education and Training Fund

Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 3, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §61, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 467, §2, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **2. Source of funds.** The commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall annually
5 assess a levy based on actual annual workers' compensation paid losses, excluding medical
6 payments, paid in the most recent calendar year for which data is available by employers
7 under former Title 39, the Workers' Compensation Act or Title 39-A, Part 1, the Maine
8 Workers' Compensation Act of 1992. As soon as practicable after July 1st of each year,
9 the commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall assess upon and collect from each
10 insurance carrier licensed to do workers' compensation business in the State, and each
11 group and individual self-insured employer authorized to make workers' compensation
12 payments directly to their employees, a sum equal to that proportion of the current fiscal
13 year's appropriation, exclusive of any federal funds, for the safety education and training
14 program that the total workers' compensation benefits, exclusive of medical payments, paid
15 by each licensed carrier or each group or individual self-insured employer, bear to the total
16 of the benefits paid by all licensed carriers, and group and individual self-insured employers
17 during the most recent calendar year for which data is available, except that the total amount
18 levied annually may not exceed 1% 2% of the total of the compensation benefits paid by
19 all licensed carriers, and group and individual self-insured employers during the most
20 recent calendar year for which data is available. A licensed carrier or group or individual
21 self-insured must be assessed based on all benefits paid, exclusive of medical payments,
22 during any year for which the carrier was licensed or the group or individual self-insured
23 employer was authorized to make workers' compensation payments directly to their
24 employees for any portion of the year.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill raises the limit on the total annual amount of the assessment that supports the
27 Department of Labor's Safety Education and Training Fund from 1% to 2% of the total of
28 the workers' compensation benefits paid by all licensed carriers and group and individual
29 self-insured employers during the most recent calendar year for which data is available.