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#### FIRST REGULAR SESSION

## ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

## Legislative Document

No. 368

S. P. 160 In Senate, January 22, 1981 Referred to the Committee on Labor. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Emerson of Penobscot.

### STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Increase the Exemption for Agricultural Employees under the Workers' Compensation Law.

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

39 MRSA § 21, first ¶, first sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 376, is further amended to read:

Every private employer shall be subject to this Act and shall secure the payment of compensation in conformity with sections 21 to 27 with respect to employees other than those engaged in domestic service or in agriculture as seasonal or casual farm laborers, subject to the provisions hereinafter stated, except that an employer of 48 or less farm laborers shall be excused from this requirement as to such farm laborers by maintaining coverage by an employer's liability insurance policy as provided in section 4.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill increases from 4 to 8 the number of farm laborers who may be employed by an employer eligible to use the employer's liability insurance policy exemption under the Worker's Compensation Law.