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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document   No. 479

H. P. 432   House of Representatives, January 28, 1981
    Referred to the Committee on Labor. Sent up for concurrence and ordered
printed.
                                                EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative J. Mitchell of Freeport.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Provide for Enforcement Inspections under the Minimum Wage Rate on Construction Projects Law.

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

Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1981-82	1982-83
MANPOWER AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF		
Bureau of Labor		
All Other	$4,500	$5,200

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to allow the Bureau of Labor, Research and Statistic Division to conduct inspections of employer wage records under the Minimum Wage Rate on Construction Projects Law. The moneys shown in the "All Other" category are for travel expenses.

First enacted in 1933, the current version of the Minimum Wage Rate on Construction Projects Law states that the prevailing wage rate by occupation must be paid to construction workers on any project that involves more than $10,000 of state funds. The Bureau of Labor conducts a survey annually to set the

wage rates. The approval of rates and responsibility for hearing appeals lies with the Minimum Wage Rate on Construction Projects Board.

Funding in recent years provides for data collection and in-office administration, but has severely restricted the bureau's ability to investigate complaints and to do compliance inspections. This bill will correct that situation.