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Marion Martin , Commissioner

Labor & Industry

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Severance Pay

I have your request for an opinion on my interpretation of the word "any" as used in Section 50, Chapter 30, Revised Statutes of 1954, in the following sentence:

"Any employee leaving his or her employment, shall be paid in full within a reasonable time after demand at the office of the employer. . . ."

The word "any" is synonymous with every and all in its general sense but may be restricted by the context. As used in Section 50 the word is restricted by the preceding language and provides that the employee need not wait eight days before receiving final payment. See Veikkunas v. Morrison, 114 Me. 256, 95 A. 947.

It is my opinion that the rewriting of Section 50 did not change the meaning of the sentence heretofore discussed.

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