

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 570

House of Representatives, February 10, 1971

Referred to Committee on Labor. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Genest of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT to Remove the Numerical Exemption from the
Minimum Wage Law.**

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

R. S., T. 26, § 662, repealed. Section 662 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 410 of the public laws of 1965, is repealed as follows:

§ 662. Coverage

~~Employers employing 4 employees or more in any day of the week are subject to this subchapter for that week, and in the count of employees there shall be included all employees, including those otherwise exempt under section 663, subsection 3~~

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Maine minimum wage law is one of only 7 out of 38 state minimum wage laws which provide for an exemption for businesses which have fewer than a stipulated number of employees, and is the only New England state with such a numerical exemption. The purpose of minimum wage requirements is to insure that workers receive wages to provide adequate maintenance and to be fairly commensurate with the value of services rendered. This is just as necessary for a worker in an establishment with 3 employees as it is in one with 4 or more.