

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1925

H. P. 1482

House of Representatives, January 24, 1972

The Committee on Labor suggested.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Brawn of Oakland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-TWO

AN ACT Relating to Fees of Employment Agencies.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 30, § 2654, amended. The first sentence of section 2654 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Every licensee shall give to each applicant for employment from whom a fee or other valuable thing shall be received for procuring such employment, or to whom a charge is made therefor, ~~which fee or other valuable thing shall in no case exceed the equivalent of the first full week's wages~~ a receipt, in which shall be stated the name of the applicant, the amount of the fee or other valuable thing, the date, the name or nature of the employment or situation to be procured, and the name and address of the person, firm or corporation to whom the applicant is referred or sent for work or employment. **Such fee shall be based on the following schedule: 25% of the first full week's wages; 25% of the 2nd full week's wages; 25% of the 3rd full week's wages; 25% of the 4th full week's wages. It shall be unlawful to charge an applicant an amount in excess of the scheduled fee and any violation thereof shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 and a 2nd or subsequent violation shall be punishable by imprisonment for not more than 11 months.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

Some employment agencies charge a fee of 100% of the 1st week's wages. If the applicant works only one week, he has worked for no wages. Many times the job is filled again by an applicant using the services of the same employment agency.