

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 362, L.D. 1165, Bill, AN ACT Concerning Seasonal Potato Packers under the Workmen's Compensation Act."

Amend said Bill in the Title by striking out the words "under the Workmen's Compensation Act"

Further amend said Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1043, sub-§1, 4th ¶, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 788, §121, is amended to read: This subsection shall not be deemed to be applicable with respect to service performed in connection with commercial canning or freezing of an agricultural product; hatching or processing of poultry, transportation of poultry; grading of eggs or packing of eggs, transportation of eggs; the processing of any meat product or the transportation of any meat product; or to any <u>potato packing business which customarily operates during a regularly recurring period of at least 140 working days</u> in a calendar year.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §1251, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 516, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

3. Exceptions

A. Any hotel, motel, inn, sporting camp or other lodging facility, including camps operated for boys and girls, restaurants and other eating establishments, which customarily conducts its operations which are primarily related to the COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 363, L. D. 1165, -2-

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production of its characteristic goods or services for a regularly recurring period or periods not exceeding 180 days in any one year shall be deemed seasonal. B. Any potato packing business which customarily operates

during a regularly recurring period of at least 140 working days in a calendar year shall not be deemed seasonal.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to make eligible for unemployment compensation benefits employees of potato packing businesses which customarily operate for 7 or more months per year.

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