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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1178

H. P. 936

House of Representatives, March 20, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Garsoe of Cumberland.

Cosponsor: Mr. Albert of Limestone.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Clarify the Mandatory Provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act with Respect to Farm Laborers.

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

39 MRSA § 21, 1st sentence, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 746, § 5, is further amended to read:

Every private employer shall be subject to this Act and shall secure the payment of compensation in conformity with sections 21 to 27 with respect to employees other than those engaged in domestic service or in agriculture as seasonal or casual farm laborers, subject to the provisions hereinafter stated, **except that an employer of farm laborers shall be excused from this requirement as to such farm laborers by maintaining coverage by an employer's liability insurance policy as provided in section 4.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to correct an inconsistency in the mandatory provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act enacted by the last special session of the Legislature in order to preserve the option of an employer of farm laborers to cover said farm laborers with workmen's compensation or an employer's liability insurance policy with total limits of not less than \$25,000 and medical payment coverage of not less than \$1,000.