

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 889

H. P. 711

House of Representatives, March 9, 1977

On Motion of Mr. Bustin of Augusta referred to the Committee on Labor.
Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Berry of Buxton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT to Allow an Employer to Deduct from Wages of his Employees any
Merchandise Unaccounted For.**

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

26 MRSA § 629, 1st ¶, 1st sentence is amended to read:

No person, firm or corporation shall require or permit any person as a condition of securing or retaining employment to work without monetary compensation or when having an agreement, verbal, written or implied that a part of such compensation should be returned to the person, firm or corporation for any reason other than for the payment of a loan, debt or advance made to the person, or for the payment of any merchandise purchased from the employer or **consigned by the employer to the employee and not sold, returned or otherwise accounted for**, or for sick or accident benefits, or life or group insurance premiums, excluding compensation insurance, which an employee has agreed to pay, or for rent, light or water expense of a company-owned house or building.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to permit an employer to deduct from wages paid to an employee the value of merchandise consigned to the employee which is not accounted for. The value of unaccounted-for merchandise could be set off against the employee's wages.