

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1040

House of Representatives, March 24, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dutremble of Biddeford.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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AN ACT Relating to Defining the Term "Camp Counselor" Under the  
Minimum Wage Law.

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

26 MRSA § 663, sub-§ 1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. **Camp Counselor.** A "camp counselor" directs recreational and vocational activities of children and adults at camp; organizes and leads groups in sports, nature lore and similar outdoor recreational activities; instructs and coaches campers in skills, sports, crafts, education, music and similar activities; maintains discipline and otherwise guides conduct of campers. Any person employed as a counselor as defined in this subsection, shall spend no less than 75% of his work hours in the performance of these duties;

STATEMENT OF FACT

Counselors and junior counselors at children's camps have always been exempt from Maine minimum wage and overtime coverage.

There is need for a definition of counselor to insure that employees working in other job categories are not mistakenly classified as counselors, which could create a wage problem.