

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1577

H. P. 1372

House of Representatives, April 13, 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. Mackel of Wells.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Concerning Payment of Unemployment Compensation for Musicians.

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

39 MRSA § 2, sub-§ 6, as amended by PL 1973, c. 746, § 2, is further amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

For the purposes of this Title the employer of a musician shall be the band-leader, manager or other person who has the primary responsibility for contracting for, booking or otherwise arranging for performing engagements for that musician.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would shift the responsibility for workmen's compensation in the case of musicians from the owner of the club, hotel or other place where the musician is appearing to the bandleader, manager or other person who arranges the performances of that musician. Since most musicians perform for only a limited time in any one place, the person who should bear the responsibility for the workmen's compensation is the bandleader or manager who has the most permanent relationship with the musician.