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S. P. 82

In Senate, January 24, 1979

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

Presented by Senator Pray of Penobscot.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Increase Penalties for Violation of the Statutes Concerning Minimum Wages.

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

26 MRSA § 671, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 620, § 13, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 671. Penalties

Any employer who violates this subchapter commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not less than \$300 nor more than \$1,000 may be adjudged.

Any employer, who discharges or in any other manner discriminates against any employee because that employee makes a complaint to the director or to the district attorney concerning a violation of this subchapter, commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not less than \$300 nor more than \$1,000 may be adjudged.

In the event of the violation of any of the provisions of this subchapter, the Attorney General may institute injunction proceedings in the Superior Court to enjoin further violation thereof.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to increase the penalties for violation of the minimum wage law. The forfeiture for a violation will be not less than \$300 nor more than \$1,000.