

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 (Governor's Bill)
2 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE
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6 **Legislative Document**

No. 1947

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8 H. P. 1972 House of Representatives, February 9, 1982
Referred to the Committee on Labor. Sent up for concurrence and
ordered printed.

9 Presented by Representative Davis of Monmouth. EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Cosponsor: Representative Beaulieu of Portland.

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11 STATE OF MAINE
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13 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
14 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
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16 AN ACT Excluding Wages of Certain
17 Temporary Alien Workers from Unemploy-
18 ment Compensation Tax.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

21 26 MRSA §1043, sub-§11, ¶F, sub-¶(4-1), is enacted to
22 read:

23 (4-1) Agricultural labor, if performed by an
24 individual who is an alien, other than a citizen
25 of a contiguous country with which the United
26 States has an agreement with respect to unemploy-
27 ment compensation, admitted to the United States
28 to perform agricultural labor pursuant to the
29 United States Immigration and Nationality Act,
30 Sections 214 (c) and 101 (a) (15) (H).

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The purpose of this bill is to exclude wages paid
3 primarily to temporary Jamaican apple pickers from unemploy-
4 ment compensation tax. It applies only to temporary farm
5 workers and will have no appreciable or significant effect
6 on the Unemployment Compensation Fund. The rationale for
7 the exclusion of this group of workers is that the unemploy-
8 ment insurance premium is being paid for benefits that could
9 never be collected on because we have no reciprocal agree-
10 ment with Jamaica.

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