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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 1394

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7 H.P. 1050

House of Representatives, March 30, 1983

8 Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

9 Referred to the Committee on Labor. Sent up for concurrence and
ordered printed. Ordered sent forthwith.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Swazey of Bucksport.

11 Cosponsors: Representative Norton of Biddeford, Senator Dutremble of
York and Representative Clark of Millinocket.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT to Clarify Sanctions for Repeated
18 Violation of the Labor Laws of Maine.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 26 MRSA §46, 6th ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL
23 1975, c. 519, §8, is amended to read:

24 Any employer who willfully or repeatedly violates
25 any standard, rule or order promulgated pursuant to
26 section 565 and that violation caused death to any
27 employee shall, upon conviction, be punished by a
28 fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment for
29 not more than 6 months, or by both; except that if
30 the conviction is for a violation committed after a
31 first conviction of such person, punishment shall be
32 by a fine of not more than \$20,000, or by imprison-
33 ment for not more than one year, or by both.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this bill is to clarify the sanctions which apply to employers who have repeatedly violated safety laws designed to protect workers from serious injury. The bill also clarifies the present statute by eliminating language which could be interpreted as stipulating that fines are contingent upon the death of an employee.

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