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S.P. 142

In Senate, February 11, 1993

An Act to Promote Equity in Wages and Benefits in Public Contracts with Private Contractors.

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LUTHER of Oxford. Cosponsored by Senators: DUTREMBLE of York, HANDY of Androscoggin, Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, ALIBERTI of Lewiston, CLARK of Millinocket, CLEMENT of Clinton, DAGGETT of Augusta, DORE of Auburn, ERWIN of Rumford, GRAY of Sedgwick, GWADOSKY of Fairfield, HEESCHEN of Wilton, KERR of Old Orchard Beach, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, PINEAU of Jay, RAND of Portland, TRACY of Rome.

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

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#### Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1825-B, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. State employment contracts with private employers. A 6 contract with a private employer to provide personnel to the State to perform services at state-owned or state-operated 8 facilities may not be entered into or given by the State unless the contract contains a stipulation requiring prescribed rates of 10 wages as determined by the Commissioner of Labor. The rates of wages paid the various classes of service employees in the 12 performance of the contract or any subcontract must be based upon the prevailing rates for employment in the State. The rates of wages must be furnished by the commissioner in a schedule 14 containing the classification of jobs and the rate of wages paid for each job and must include payments to health plans, 16 retirement plans and other benefit plans. If no such plans are in effect between the employees and the private employer, 18 payments for those benefits must be paid directly to the employees. Limited-period positions utilized to replace persons 20 on leave of absence are not covered by this subsection. 22

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires private contractors who provide personnel to perform services for the State, which were previously provided by state personnel, to adhere to specific wage and benefit guidelines established by the Commissioner of Labor.

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