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H.P. 224

House of Representatives, January 14, 1999

An Act to Repeal the Prevailing Wage.

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative WATERHOUSE of Bridgton.
Cosponsored by Representatives: MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, MACK of Standish,
SCHNEIDER of Durham, TREADWELL of Carmel.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1303**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 757, §1, is
4 further amended to read:

6 **§1303. Public works**

8 In the employment of laborers in the construction of public
10 works, including state highways, by the State or by persons
12 contracting for the construction, preference must first be given
14 to citizens of the State who are qualified to perform the work to
16 which the employment relates and, if they can not be obtained in
18 sufficient numbers, then to citizens of the United States. Every
20 contract for public works construction must contain a provision
22 for employing citizens of this State or the United States. The
24 ~~hourly wage and benefit rate paid to laborers employed in the
construction of public works, including state highways, may not
be less than the fair minimum rate as determined in accordance
with section 1308. Any contractor who knowingly and willfully
violates this section is subject to a fine of not less than \$250
per employee violation. Each day that any contractor employs a
laborer at less than the wage and benefit minimum stipulated in
this section constitutes a separate violation of this section.~~

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §1304, as amended by PL 1997, c. 757, §§2 and
26 3, is repealed.

28 **Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §1305**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 757, §4, is
30 repealed.

Sec. 4. 26 MRSA §1306, as amended by PL 1997, c. 757, §5, is
32 repealed.

34 **Sec. 5. 26 MRSA §1307-A**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 757, §6,
36 is repealed.

Sec. 6. 26 MRSA §1308, as amended by PL 1997, c. 757, §7, is
38 repealed.

40 **Sec. 7. 26 MRSA §§1309 and 1310**, as amended by PL 1997, c.
42 757, §8, are repealed.

Sec. 8. 26 MRSA §1311, as amended by PL 1997, c. 757, §9, is
44 repealed.

46 **Sec. 9. 26 MRSA §§1312 and 1313**, as amended by PL 1997, c.
48 757, §10, are repealed.

Sec. 10. 26 MRSA §1314, as amended by PL 1997, c. 757, §11,
50 is repealed.

2 **Sec. 11. 26 MRSA §1315**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 757, §12,
is repealed.

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SUMMARY

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10 This bill repeals the laws that require a wage of no less
than the prevailing hourly rate of wages and benefits for work of
a similar character in this State be paid to all workers employed
in the construction of public works, including state highways.