

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

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Legislative Document

No. 423

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H.P. 307

House of Representatives, January 14, 1999

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### An Act to Provide an Option for Employers to Pay Employees Biweekly.

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Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BUCK of Yarmouth.  
Cosponsored by Representative GLYNN of South Portland,  
Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock and  
Representative: WATERHOUSE of Bridgton.

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

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Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §621, as amended by PL 1995, c. 340, §1, is further amended to read:

1. **Certain employers; payment schedule.** ~~Every corporation, person or partnership engaged in a manufacturing, mechanical, mining, quarrying, mercantile, restaurant, hotel, summer camp, beauty parlor, amusement, telegraph or telephone business, in any of the building trades, in logging or lumbering operation, upon public works or in the construction or repair of roads, bridges, sewers, gas, water or electric light works, pipes or lines, every incorporated express company or water company, and every steam railroad company or corporation shall pay weekly each employee engaged in its business the wages earned by the employee to within 8 days of the date of that payment; every county shall so pay every employee who is engaged in its business the wages or salary earned by that employee, unless the employee requests in writing to be paid in a different manner. Municipalities shall pay their employees at least once every 2 weeks unless the employee agrees to be paid under a less frequent pay schedule. An employee who is absent from that employee's regular place of employment at a time fixed for payment must be paid on demand.~~  
An employer shall pay its employees at least once every 2 weeks.

**SUMMARY**

This bill repeals the law that requires employers to pay their employees weekly. The bill also gives an employer the option to pay its employees on a biweekly basis.