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House of Representatives, February 9, 1999

An Act to Amend the Prevailing Wage Laws.

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan.
Cosponsored by Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot and
Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, CLARK of Millinocket, MATTHEWS of Winslow,
O'NEAL of Limestone, RINES of Wiscasset, SAMSON of Jay, TRACY of Rome.

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

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

\$1303. Public works; minimum wage and benefits

In the employment of laborers in the construction of public works, including state highways, by the State or by persons contracting for the construction, preference must first be given to citizens of the State who are qualified to perform the work to which the employment relates and, if they can not be obtained in sufficient numbers, then to citizens of the United States. Every contract for public works construction must contain a provision for employing citizens of this State or the United States. 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. Persons subject to this chapter must maintain payroll records on the work site, must keep records by classification and wages of workers and must make the records available to state and federal labor department officials and the public upon demand to ensure compliance with the requirements of Any contractor who knowingly and willfully this chapter. 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

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this section constitutes a separate violation of this section.

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This bill requires contractors subject to the prevailing wage laws to keep payroll records on the work site and to make the records available to labor department officials and the public to enable them to oversee compliance with the prevailing wage law.