

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 367

In Senate, February 28, 2001

**An Act to Improve Enforcement of Wage and Hour, Safety and Other
Labor Laws.**

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative HUTTON of Bowdoinham and
Representatives: BOUFFARD of Lewiston, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, DUPLESSIE of
Westbrook, PATRICK of Rumford, PINEAU of Jay.

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

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4 Sec. 1. 26 MRSa §54 is enacted to read:

6 §54. Work site access for labor representatives

8 A representative of a labor organization elected to
10 represent construction workers in the State may enter a
12 construction work site in the State at reasonable hours to
14 inspect the work site for possible violations of labor laws if
16 the organization has received a complaint alleging such a
18 violation of law. The representative may interview workers,
20 examine the physical characteristics of and the operations at the
22 work site and inspect records relating to work at the work site
24 whether the records are held at the work site or at any other
26 place. If, following the inspection or interview or review of
28 records, the representative has reason to believe that a
30 violation of law is occurring or has occurred at the work site,
32 the representative shall report the belief to the proper state or
federal agency with authority to address any such violation and
that agency shall promptly investigate the possible violation.
The representative shall maintain the confidentiality of
information contained in records examined by the representative,
in the same manner in which representatives of the Department of
Labor are required to maintain confidentiality.

28 SUMMARY

30 This bill authorizes a representative of a construction
32 labor union to inspect a work site and records relating to the
work site to investigate complaints of possible violations of
wage and hour, safety or other labor laws.