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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 673, L.D. 963, Bill, "An Act To Set Standards for Electronic Methods Used for Wage Payment"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §663, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1965, c. 410, §4, is further amended to read:

5. Wages. "Wages" paid to any employee includes compensation paid to such the employee in the form of legal tender of the United States, and checks on banks convertible into cash on demand, and includes the reasonable cost to the employer who furnishes such the employee board or lodging. "Wages" also includes compensation paid through a direct deposit system, automated teller machine card or other means of electronic transfer as long as the employee either can make an initial withdrawal of the entire net pay without additional cost to the employee or the employee can choose another means of payment that involves no additional cost to the employee;'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 1 in the 16th and 17th lines (page 1, lines 35 and 36 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "may, and upon written complaint shall have authority to" and inserting in its place the following: 'may, and upon written complaint shall have authority to'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

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This amendment makes 2 changes to the bill to give effect to the bill's intent:

1. The amendment removes language in the bill that would have made electronic payment permissible only if agreed to by the employee, but allows electronic payment as long as it does not create any additional cost for the employee or the employee has a choice of another means of payment that does not create any additional cost for the employee; and

2. The amendment restores language in current law authorizing the Director of Labor Standards to initiate routine inspections of businesses in addition to inspections based on written complaints to clarify that no change to the current authority is being made.