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### **An Act To Increase the Ability of the Maine Wage Assurance Fund To Pay Unpaid Workers**

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Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.  
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 JACKSON of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford and  
Representative: GILBERT of Jay.

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

2 Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §632, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 202, §1, is amended to  
3 read:

4 3. Amount in fund. The Maine Wage Assurance Fund ~~shall be~~ is a nonlapsing,  
5 revolving fund limited to a maximum of \$100,000 \$200,000. All ~~moneys~~ money collected  
6 from an employer pursuant to a claim for unpaid wages by an employee who has received  
7 payment from the fund, or by the State as ~~his~~ the employee's subrogee, ~~shall be~~ is credited to  
8 the fund.

9 The fund ~~shall~~ must be established and augmented periodically as necessary.

10 ~~Moneys~~ Money in the fund not needed currently to meet claims against the fund ~~shall~~ must be  
11 deposited with the Treasurer of State to be credited to the fund and may be invested in such  
12 manner as is provided for by statute. Interest received on that investment ~~shall~~ must be  
13 credited to the Maine Wage Assurance Fund.

14 SUMMARY

15 This bill increases the amount that may be held in the Maine Wage Assurance Fund from  
16 \$100,000 to \$200,000.