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H.P. 898   House of Representatives, March 22, 2011

An Act To Amend the Labor Laws Relating to Certain Agricultural Employees

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative CRAFTS of Lisbon.
Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and
Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, BURNS of Alfred, FREDETTE of Newport, LIBBY of Waterboro, NEWENDYKE of Litchfield, WINTLE of Garland, WOOD of Sabattus.

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

2   **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §663, sub-§3, ¶A,** as amended by PL 1975, c. 717, §5, is
3   further amended to read:

4   A.   Any individual employed in agriculture as defined in the Maine Employment
5   Security Law and the Federal Unemployment Insurance Tax Law~~, except when that~~
6   ~~individual performs services for or on a farm with over 300,000 laying birds~~;

7   **Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §664, sub-§3, ¶F,** as amended by PL 2001, c. 628, §2 and
8   affected by §5, is further amended to read:

9   F.   The canning, processing, preserving, freezing, drying, marketing, storing, packing
10   for shipment or distribution of:

11   (1) Agricultural produce;

12   (2) Meat and fish products; and

13   (3) Perishable foods~~.~~;

14   ~~Individuals employed, directly or indirectly, for or at an egg processing facility that~~
15   ~~has over 300,000 laying birds must be paid overtime in accordance with this~~
16   ~~subsection~~;

17   **Sec. 3. 26 MRSA c. 16,** as amended, is repealed.

18   **SUMMARY**

19   This bill removes the provision that requires that individuals employed for or at an
20   egg processing facility that has over 300,000 laying birds be paid overtime. It also
21   repeals the laws that govern labor relations between agricultural workers and an
22   agricultural employer that operates an egg processing facility that has over 500,000
23   laying birds and that employs more than 100 agricultural employees.