

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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MAJORITY

(Filing No. H-870)

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**LABOR**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
132ND LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1416, L.D. 2101, "An Act to Establish a Monetary Penalty for Employers Whose Unemployment Payment Is Returned Unpaid"

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Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

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**'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

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**LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF**

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**Employment Security Services 0245**

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Initiative: Allocates funding for bank fees charged for returned payments made under the Employment Security Law.

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**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

**2025-26**

**2026-27**

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All Other

\$0

\$7,000

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

\$0

\$7,000

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Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

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(See attached)



# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2101

LR 2689(02)

## An Act to Establish a Monetary Penalty for Employers Whose Unemployment Payment Is Returned Unpaid

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-870)

Committee: Labor

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
<b>Revenue</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$8,750	\$8,750	\$8,570

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill provides that if a payment made under the Employment Security Law is returned for any reason (such as for insufficient funds), the Commissioner of Labor must assess a penalty equal to \$25 or 1% of the payment amount, whichever is greater. The bill allocates \$7,000 to the Department of Labor (department) for the payment of bank fees charged for returned payments. The department processes approximately 350 returned payments per year, averaging about \$360 per payment. This fiscal note assumes that a \$25 penalty will be greater than 1% of each returned payment, given that 1% of the average returned payment is about \$3.60. The department is expected to collect approximately \$8,750 in returned payment penalties each year, of which \$20 per payment, or approximately \$7,000 each year, will be paid directly to the bank used by the department for collecting payments made under the Employment Security Law.