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H.P. 1416

House of Representatives, January 7, 2026

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

Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 203.
Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

R. B. Hunt
ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ROEDER of Bangor.

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1225, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Returned payments. If any payment made under this chapter is returned unpaid for any reason, including but not limited to insufficient funds, account closure, nonexistence of the account, stop-payment order or any other cause, the commissioner shall assess a penalty equal to \$25 or 1% of the payment amount, whichever is greater.

SUMMARY

This bill provides that if a payment made under the Employment Security Law is returned for any reason, including but not limited to insufficient funds, account closure, nonexistence of the account or stop-payment order, the Commissioner of Labor must assess a penalty equal to \$25 or 1% of the payment amount, whichever is greater.