

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty - Third Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 202.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND  
EIGHTY-SEVEN.

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AN ACT to provide for the Fortnightly Payment of  
Wages by Corporations.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives  
in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Every manufacturing, mining, quar-  
2 rying, mercantile, railroad, telegraph, telephone and  
3 municipal corporation, and every incorporated ex-  
4 press and water company shall pay fortnightly  
5 each and every employe engaged in its business  
6 the wages earned by such employe to within eight  
7 days of the date of said payment; *provided, how-*  
8 *ever,* that if at any time of payment any employe  
9 shall be absent from his regular place of labor he

10 shall be entitled to said payment at any time there-  
11 after on demand.

SECT. 2. Any corporation violating any of the  
2 provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine  
3 not less than ten nor more than twenty-five dol-  
4 lars on each complaint under which it is convicted;  
5 *provided* complaint for such violation is made  
6 within thirty days from the date thereof.

SECT. 3. When a corporation against which a  
2 complaint is made under this act fails to appear  
3 after being duly served with process, its default  
4 shall be recorded, the allegations in the complaint  
5 taken to be true, and judgment rendered accord-  
6 ingly.

SECT. 4. When judgment is rendered upon any  
2 such complaint against a corporation, the court  
3 may issue a warrant of distress to compel the pay-  
4 ment of the penalty prescribed by law, togeth-  
5 er with costs and interest.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect May 1, 1887.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
March 2, 1887. }

Reported from Committee on Labor by Mr. BRYANT of Pittsfield;  
ordered printed under joint rule.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk.*