

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 21

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*House of Representatives, Jan. 25, 1911.*

*Introduced by Mr. Descoteaux of Biddeford and tabled for printing, by Mr. Macomber, pending reference to a committee.*

*C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND ELEVEN.

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AN ACT to provide for the weekly payment of wages.

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

Section 1. Every manufacturing, mining or quarrying,  
2 mercantile, railroad, street railway, telegraph or telephone  
3 corporation, every incorporated express company or water  
4 company, and every contractor, person or partnership en-  
5 gaged in any manufacturing business, in any of the building  
6 trades, in quarries or mines, upon public works or in the  
7 construction or repair of railroads, street railways, roads,  
8 bridges or sewers or of gas, water or electric light works,  
9 pipes or lines, shall pay weekly each employee engaged in  
10 his or its business the wages earned by him to within six  
11 days of the date of said payment, but any employee leaving

12 his or her employment shall be paid in full on the following  
13 regular pay day, provided, that when an employee is dis-  
14 charged he shall be paid the wages due him on demand; and  
15 the State, its officers, boards and commissions shall so pay  
16 every mechanic, workman and laborer who is employed by  
17 it or them, and every county and city shall so pay every em-  
18 ployee who is engaged in its business the wages or salary  
19 earned by him, unless such mechanic, workman, laborer or  
20 employee requests in writing to be paid in a different man-  
21 ner; and every town shall so pay each employee in its busi-  
22 ness if so required by him; but an employee who is absent  
23 from his regular place of labor at a time fixed for payment  
24 shall be paid thereafter on demand. The provisions of this  
25 section shall not apply to an employee of a cooperative cor-  
26 poration or association if he is a stockholder therein unless  
27 he requests such corporation to pay him weekly. The board  
28 of railroad commissioners, after a hearing, may exempt any  
29 railroad corporation from paying weekly any of its employees  
30 if it appears to the board that such employees prefer less  
31 frequent payments, and that their interests and the interests  
32 of the public will not suffer thereby. No corporation, con-  
33 tractor, person or partnership shall by a special contract  
34 with an employee or by any other means exempt himself or  
35 itself from the provisions of this act. Whoever violates the  
36 provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less  
37 than ten nor more than fifty dollars.