

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 202

House of Representatives, Feb. 15, 1911.

*Reported by Mr. Descoteaux from Committee on Labor, and
ordered printed under joint rules.*

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to provide for the weekly payment of wages.

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

Section 1. Every manufacturing, mining or quarrying,
2 mercantile street railway, telegraph or telephone corpora-
3 tion, every incorporated express company or water com-
4 pany, and every contractor, person or partnership engaged
5 in any manufacturing business, in any of the building trades,
6 in quarries or mines, upon public works or in the construc-
7 tion or repair of street railways, roads, bridges or sewers
8 or of gas, water or electric light works, pipes or lines, shall
9 pay weekly each employee engaged in his or its business
10 the wages earned by him to within eight days of the date

11 of said payment, but any employee leaving his or her em-
12 ployment shall be paid in full on the following regular
13 pay day, provided, that when an employee is discharged
14 he shall be paid the wages due him on demand; and the
15 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
18 employee 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
22 business if so required by him; but an employee who is
23 absent from his regular place of labor at a time fixed for
24 payment shall be paid thereafter on demand. The pro-
25 visions of this section shall not apply to an employee en-
26 gaged in cutting and hauling logs and lumber, nor the
27 driving of same until it reaches its place of destination for
28 sale or manufacture; nor to an employee of a cooperative
29 corporation or association if he is a stockholder therein
30 unless he requests such corporation to pay him weekly.
31 No corporation, contractor, person or partnership shall by
32 a special contract with an employee or by any other means
33 exempt himself or itself from the provisions of this act.
34 Whoever violates the provisions of this act shall be pun-
35 ished by a fine of not less than ten nor more than fifty dol-
36 lars.