

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE NO. 531

House of Representatives, March 6, 1915.

Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Labor.

Committee on Reference.

Presented by Mr. Goodwin of Mexico.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN

AN ACT To amend Chapter thirty-nine of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and eleven, as amended by Chapter twenty-six of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen, relating to the Weekly Payment of Wages.

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

Chapter thirty-nine of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred
2 and eleven, as amended by Chapter twenty-six of the Public
3 Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen is further amended by
4 striking out all of said chapter and inserting in place thereof
5 the following:

'Every corporation, person or partnership, engaged in a
7 manufacturing, mechanical, mining, quarrying, mercantile,

8 street railway, telegraph or telephone business; in any of the
9 building trades; upon public works, or in the construction
10 or repair of street railways, roads, bridges, sewers, gas,
11 water or electric light works, pipes or lines; every incorpo-
12 rated express company or water company; and every steam
13 railroad company or corporation—shall pay weekly each
14 employe engaged in his or its business the wages earned by
15 him to within eight days of the date of said payment, but
16 any employe leaving his or her employment shall be paid in
17 full on the following regular pay day, provided, that when
18 an employe is discharged he shall be paid the wages due him
19 on demand; and the state, its officers, boards and commis-
20 sioners shall so pay every mechanic, workman and laborer
21 who is employed by it or them, and every county and city
22 shall so pay every employe who is engaged in its business
23 the wages or salary earned by him, unless such mechanic,
24 workman, laborer, or employe requests in writing to be paid
25 in a different manner; and every town shall so pay each
26 employe in its business if so required by him; but an employe
27 who is absent from his regular place of labor at a time fixed
28 for payment shall be paid thereafter on demand. The pro-
29 visions of this section shall not apply to an employe engaged
30 in cutting and hauling logs and lumber, nor the driving of
31 same until it reaches its place of destination for sale or
32 manufacture; nor to an employe of a cooperative corpora-
33 tion or association if he is a stockholder therein unless he re-
34 quests such corporation to pay him weekly. No corporation,

35 contractor, person or partnership shall by a special contract
36 with an employe or by any other means exempt himself or
37 itself from the provisions of this act. Whoever violates the
38 provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less
39 than ten nor more than fifty dollars.'