

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 899

House of Representatives, March 23, 1915.

*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 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

9 the building trades; upon public works, or in the construc-
10 tion 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 employee engaged in his or its business the wages earned
15 by him to within eight days of the date of said payment,
16 but any employee leaving his or her employment shall be
17 paid in full on the following regular pay day, provided, that
18 when an employee is discharged he shall be paid the wages
19 due him on demand; and the state, its officers, boards and
20 commissions shall so pay every mechanic, workman and
21 laborer who is employed by it or them, and every county
22 and city shall so pay every employee who is engaged in its
23 business the wages or salary earned by him, unless such
24 mechanic, workman, laborer, or employee requests in writing
25 to be paid in a different manner; and every town shall so
26 pay each employee in its business if so required by him;
27 but an employee who is absent from his regular place of
28 labor at a time fixed for payment shall be paid thereafter
29 on demand. The provisions of this section shall not apply
30 to an employee engaged in cutting and hauling logs and
31 lumber, nor the driving of same until it reaches its place of
32 destination for sale or manufacture; nor to an employee
33 of a co-operative corporation or association if he is a stock-
34 holder therein unless he requests such corporation to pay
35 him weekly. No corporation, contractor, person or part-

36 nership shall by a special contract with an employee or by
37 any other means exempt himself or itself from the pro-
38 visions of this act. Whoever violates the provisions of this
39 act shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten nor more
40 than fifty dollars.'