

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1147

House of Representatives, February 5, 1935.

Referred to Committee on Labor and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Chase of Baring.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Relating to Minimum Wages for Laborers.**

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

**Minimum wage.** In the employment of laborers in the construction of highways and public works by the state, or by persons contracting therewith for such construction, preference shall first be given to citizens of the state who have served in the army or navy of the United States in time of war and have been honorably discharged therefrom or released from active duty therein, and who are qualified to perform the work to which the employment relates; and secondly, to citizens of the state generally, and, if they cannot be obtained in sufficient numbers, then to citizens of the United States; and every contract for such work shall contain a provision to this effect. The wages for a day's work paid to laborers employed in the construction of public works as aforesaid shall be not less than those payable under the provisions of the code for the construction industry; provided, that no town in the construction of public works shall be required to give preference to veterans not residents of such town, over citizens thereof. Any contractor who knowingly violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.