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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Chase of Baring.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Regulating Rate of Wages.

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

Minimum rate of wage. The advertised specifications for every contract for the construction, reconstruction, maintenance and/or repair of public work to which the state is a party shall contain a provision stating the minimum hourly rate of wage which can be paid, as shall be designated by the commissioner of labor and industry, to the laborers, workingmen or mechanics employed in the performance of the contract, either by the contractor, subcontractor or other person doing or contracting to do the whole or a part of the work contemplated by the contract, and the contract shall contain a stipulation that such laborers, workingmen or mechanics shall be paid not less than such hourly minimum rate of wage.

Any person or corporation that wilfully pays after entering into such contract, less than such stipulated minimum hourly wage scale shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished, for a 1st offense by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment; for a 2nd offense by a fine of not more than \$1000, and in addition thereto the contract on

which the violation has occurred shall be forfeited; and no such person or corporation shall be entitled to receive any sum nor shall any officer, agent or employee of the state pay the same or authorize its payment from the funds under his charge or control to any person or corporation for work done upon any contract, on which the contractor has been convicted of 2nd offense in violation of the provisions of this section.