

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NINETY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 11, 1949

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Faas of Benton by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

**AN ACT Providing for the Method of Payment of Wages by Check or
Draft.**

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

R. S., c. 25, §40-A, 40-B, additional. Chapter 25 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 2 new sections to be numbered 40-A and 40-B, to read as follows:

'Sec. 40-A. Definitions. The term "employer" as used in sections 40-A and 40-B shall mean and include an individual, partnership, association, corporation, legal representative, trustee, receiver, trustee in bankruptcy and any common carrier by rail, motor, water, air or express company doing business in or operating within the state.

The term "employee" shall mean and include every person who may be permitted, required or directed by any employer, in consideration of direct or indirect gain or profit, to engage in any employment.

Sec. 40-B. Wages paid by check or draft, cashing facilitated; penalty. Any employer, paying wages to an employee by check or draft, shall provide for such employee facilities for the cashing of such check or draft in lawful money of the United States at a bank or other established place of business within a reasonable distance of the place of employment, with-

out charge or discount by deduction of any kind from the full amount of the check or draft, or the cost of collection in any other manner whatsoever. Any employer who violates the provisions of this section shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$100 for each and every offense.'