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NINETY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 660 House of Representatives, February 12, 1953 Referred to the Committee on Labor, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Gates of Millinocket

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE

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, §§ 38-A, 38-B, additional. Chapter 25 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto 2 new sections to be numbered 38-A and 38-B, to read as follows:

'Sec. 38-A. Definitions. The term "employer" as used in sections 38-A and 38-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. 38-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.'