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NINETY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 755 House of Representatives, February 17, 1953 Referred to the Committee on Labor, sent up for concurrence and 1,000 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Travis of Westbrook

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT Amending the Maine Employment Security Law as to Definition of Employing Unit.

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

- R. S., c. 24, § 3, sub-§ X, amended. Sub-section X of section 3 of chapter 24 of the revised statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 430 of the public laws of 1949, is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 'X. "Employing unit" means any individual or type of organization, including any partnership, association, trust, estate, joint stock company, insurance company or corporation, whether domestic or foreign, or the receiver, trustee in bankruptcy, trustee or successor thereof, or the legal representative of a deceased person, which has or subsequent to January I, 1935, had in its employ one or more individuals performing services for it within this state. All individuals performing services within this state for any employing unit which maintains two or more separate establishments within this state shall be deemed to be employed by a single employing unit for all the purposes of this chapter. Whenever any employing unit contracts with or has under it any contractor or subcontractor for any work which is part of its usual trade, ocupation, profession or business, unless the employing unit as well as each such contractor or subcontractor is an employer by reason of sub section IX

of this section or subsection III of section 18, the employing unit shall for all the purposes of this chapter be deemed to employ each individual in the employ of each such contractor or subcontractor for each day during which such individual is engaged in performing such work; except that each such contractor or subcontractor who is an employer by reason of subsection IX of this section or subsection III of section 18 shall alone be liable for the employer's contributions measured by wages to individuals in his employ, and except that any employing unit who shall become liable for and pay contributions with respect to individuals in the employ of any such contractor or subcontractor who is not an employer by reason of subsection IX of this section or subsection III of section 18 may recover the same from such contractor or subcontractor.

Each individual employed to perform or to assist in performing the work of any agent or employee of an employing unit shall be deemed to be employed by such employing unit for all the purposes of this chapter, whether such individual was hired or paid directly by such employing unit or by such agent or employee, provided the employing unit had actual or constructive knowledge of such work.'