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**Legislative Document**

**No. 445**

H. P. 298

House of Representatives, February 4, 1959.

Referred to Committee on Labor. Sent up for concurrence and 750 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Hardy of Hope.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Relating to Unfair Wage Agreements.**

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

**R. S., c. 30, § 53, amended.** The 1st paragraph of section 53 of chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'No person, firm or corporation shall require or permit any person as a condition of securing or retaining employment ~~in any factory, work shop, manufacturing, mechanical or mercantile establishment~~ to work without monetary compensation or when having an agreement, verbal, written or implied that a part of such compensation should be returned to the person, firm or corporation for any reason other than for the payment of a loan, debt or advance made to the person, or for the payment of any merchandise purchased from the employer or for sick or accident benefits, or life or group insurance premiums, excluding compensation insurance, which an employee has agreed to pay, or for rent, light or water expense of a company-owned house or building. **This section shall not apply to work performed in agriculture or in or about a private home.**'