

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

H.P. 1416 - L.D. 2101

**An Act to Establish a Monetary Penalty for Employers Whose
Unemployment Payment Is Returned Unpaid**

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1225, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Returned payments. If any payment made under this chapter is returned unpaid for any reason, including but not limited to insufficient funds, account closure, nonexistence of the account, stop-payment order or any other cause, the commissioner shall assess a penalty equal to \$25 or 1% of the payment amount, whichever is greater.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Employment Security Services 0245

Initiative: Allocates funding for bank fees charged for returned payments made under the Employment Security Law.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$7,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$7,000