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An Act To Amend the Labor Laws Relating to Certain Agricultural Employees

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §663, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 1975, c. 717, §5, is further amended to read:

A. Any individual employed in agriculture as defined in the Maine Employment Security Law and the Federal Unemployment Insurance Tax Law, ~~except when that individual performs services for or on a farm with over 300,000 laying birds;~~

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §664, sub-§3, ¶F, as amended by PL 2001, c. 628, §2 and affected by §5, is further amended to read:

F. The canning, processing, preserving, freezing, drying, marketing, storing, packing for shipment or distribution of:

- (1) Agricultural produce;
- (2) Meat and fish products; and
- (3) Perishable foods.;

~~Individuals employed, directly or indirectly, for or at an egg processing facility that has over 300,000 laying birds must be paid overtime in accordance with this subsection;~~

Sec. 3. 26 MRSA c. 16, as amended, is repealed.

SUMMARY

This bill removes the provision that requires that individuals employed for or at an egg processing facility that has over 300,000 laying birds be paid overtime. It also repeals the laws that govern labor relations between agricultural workers and an agricultural employer that operates an egg processing facility that has over 500,000 laying birds and that employs more than 100 agricultural employees.