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An Act To Require That Employees Be Informed of Potential Eligibility for the Earned Income Tax Credit

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §42-C is enacted to read:

§ 42-C. Notification regarding earned income tax credit eligibility

1. Bureau to provide poster or notice. The bureau shall produce and furnish to employers posters or notices in printed form that state that an employee may be eligible for federal and state earned income tax credits and that the employee may apply for the tax credits on the employee's income tax returns.

2. Employer to post notice. An employer shall post and keep posted in a place accessible to the employer's employees a copy of the printed poster or notice furnished by the bureau. An employer who violates this section is subject to the penalties set forth in section 704.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards to provide a poster or notice to employers that states that employees may be eligible for the earned income tax credit. This bill requires employers to post the poster or notice in a place that is accessible to the employer's employees.