

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 263

H. P. 215

House of Representatives, February 1, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Laffin of Westbrook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Expand Eligibility for Unemployment Compensation Benefits if a
Worker has a Serious Personal Emergency.**

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

26 MRSA § 1192, sub-§ 5-A is enacted to read:

5-A. Return to Maine if emergency. If a Maine worker leaves the State to accept work but then is forced to quit his work and return to Maine due to his own illness or disability or that of his immediate family, then he is eligible to apply for Maine benefits if:

A. He was an insured worker, eligible to receive benefits at the time of his departure for out-of-state work; and

B. He can document that he had been paid wages of at least \$250 in each quarter that he had been absent from the State.

If a worker qualifies to apply for benefits under this subsection, his application shall be considered as though it were submitted the week he accepted work out of state. An individual may not so qualify if he has been working out of state for more than 12 months.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to allow a worker to apply for unemployment compensation if he was forced to leave the State to find work and then forced to return to Maine due to a serious family emergency.