

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 198

H. P. 183

House of Representatives, January 12, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. A. Perkins of Brooksville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

**AN ACT to Prevent Self-insurers under the Employment Security Law from
Becoming Liable for Benefits Paid to Certain Individuals.**

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

26 MRSA § 1221, sub-§ 10, first ¶, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 651, §§ 44 & 45, is further amended by adding at the end the following new sentence to read:

A governmental entity shall not be required to pay to the bureau, in lieu of contributions, if the deputy finds that either the claimant's separation from his last employer was for misconduct in connection with his employment or was voluntary without good cause attributable to that employer; or the claimant has refused to accept reemployment in suitable work when offered by a previous employer, without good cause attributable to that employer.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill prevents an employer, who contributes to the Unemployment Compensation System by making payments in lieu of contributions, from being assessed charges based on benefits paid to a person who leaves that employer under circumstances which would disqualify him for receiving benefits.

Currently, if that employee leaves a subsequent employer under circumstances qualifying him for benefits, the original employer is assessed charges corresponding to the wages earned while employed by that employer.