

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Grua of Livermore Falls.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-ONE

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### AN ACT Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law in Connection with Experience Rating.

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

**Sec. 1. P. L., 1935, c. 192, § 3, subsection (b), amended.** Subsection (b) of section 3 of chapter 192 of the public laws of 1935 as amended is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**(b) Weekly benefit amount for total unemployment.** Each eligible individual who is totally unemployed (as defined in section 19 (j) (1) in any week shall be paid with respect to such week, benefits at the rate shown in column (C) of the schedule below on the line on which in column (A) there is indicated the individual's wage class and such rate shall be the individual's weekly benefit amount. The individual's wage class shall be determined by the total amount of wages payable to him for insured work during his base period as shown in column (B).

Column A		Column B		Column C		
1.	<del>Under</del>		<del>\$ 144.00</del>		<del>None</del>	
2. 1.	\$ <del>144.00</del>	Under	<del>185.47</del>	\$185.00	\$ 3.00	None
3. 2.	<del>185.47</del>	\$185.00	228.24		3.50	
4. 3.	228.25		272.63		4.00	

5.	4.	272.64	318.58	4.50
6.	5.	318.59	366.09	5.00
7.	6.	366.10	415.16	5.50
8.	7.	415.17	465.78	6.00
9.	8.	465.79	517.82	6.50
10.	9.	517.83	571.42	7.00
11.	10.	571.43	626.57	7.50
12.	11.	626.58	683.28	8.00
13.	12.	683.29	741.54	8.50
14.	13.	741.55	801.37	9.00
15.	14.	801.38	862.61	9.50
16.	15.	862.62	925.41	10.00
17.	16.	925.42	989.77	10.50
18.	17.	989.78	1055.69	11.00
19.	18.	1055.70	1123.16	11.50
20.	19.	1123.17	1192.19	12.00
21.	20.	1192.20	1262.64	12.50
22.	21.	1262.65	1334.64	13.00
23.	22.	1334.65	1408.20	13.50
24.	23.	1408.21	1483.32	14.00
25.	24.	1483.33	1559.99	14.50
26.	25.	1560.00 and over		15.00

**Sec. 2. P. L., 1935, c. 192, § 4, subsection (e), amended.** Subsection (e) of section 4 of chapter 192 of the public laws of 1935 is hereby repealed and the following subsection (e) enacted in place thereof:

‘(e) He has during his base period earned wages for insured work in an amount equivalent to or in excess of \$185.00, and provided that he has earned not less than \$45.00 for insured work in each of at least two separate calendar quarters during his base period. For the purpose of this subsection wages shall be counted as “wages for insured work” for benefit purposes with respect to any benefit year only if such benefit year subsequent to the date on which the employer from whom such wages were earned has satisfied the conditions of section 19 (f) or section 8 (c) with respect to becoming an employer.’

**Sec. 3. P. L., 1935, c. 192, § 7, subsection (c) amended.** The 2nd paragraph of subsection 1 of subsection (c) of section 7 of chapter 192 of the public laws of 1935 as amended is hereby further amended to read as follows:

‘Benefits paid to an eligible individual under the provisions of this act

shall be charged against the accounts of his employers in his base period in the inverse chronological order in which such individual was most recently employed by such employers, but the maximum amount so charged against the account of any employer shall not exceed, to the nearest dollar, that proportion of 16 times the individual's weekly benefit amount, which his earnings in the base period for that employer bears to his total earnings for all employers in the base period. **Provided however that no benefits paid to an individual for unemployment occurring after April 1, 1941, shall be charged to the account of an employer when it has been established to the satisfaction of the commission that the separation from employment of such individual from the employer was voluntary on the part of the individual and without good cause attributable to the employer and provided further that the employer gave notice to the commission of such separation under such regulations as the commission may prescribe.** The commission shall by general rules prescribe the manner in which benefits shall be charged against the accounts of several employers for whom an individual performed employment during the same week.'