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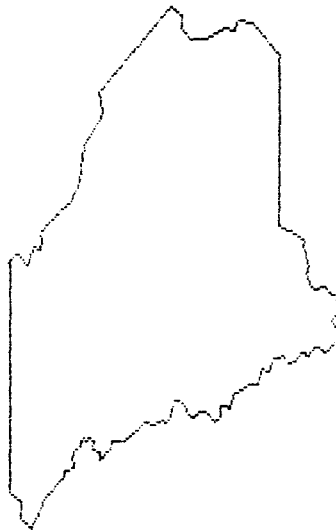


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- 492** AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE CRITERIA FOR SUITABLE WORK IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROGRAM Connolly ONTP(acc.)
- SUMMARY: Substitutes the term "wages" for the term "earnings" to broaden the items that will be considered in whether a claimant refuses "suitable" work and will thereby lose unemployment benefits.
- 493 AN ACT CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION Tuttle Swazey LV/WD(acc.)
- SUMMARY: Limits increase in maximum weekly unemployment benefit to 50% of the annual increase in the consumer price index, and increases the amount of wages on which unemployment taxes are paid to \$8000 per year.
- 494 AN ACT TO PROTECT UNEMPLOYED WORKERS FROM THE LOSS OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS WITHOUT THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A FAIR HEARING Connolly OTIP-ND(acc.) (See ID 1416)
- 496 AN ACT TO ADJUST THE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT FOR DEPENDENTS OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CLAIMANTS Andrews LV/WD(acc.)
- SUMMARY: Increases the weekly amount payable for each dependent of an unemployment compensation claimant from \$5 to \$15; removes the maximum limitation on dependency benefits.
- 498 AN ACT TO PERMIT THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION WIDER DISCRETION IN DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS Andrews M-OTIP-ND(acc.) M-ONTP (See ID 1467)
- 499 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF APPROVED TRAINING IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROGRAM Manning Beaulieu OTIP-ND(acc.) (See ID 1284)
- 525 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE NEGOTIABILITY OF PAY RATES UNDER THE STATE EMPLOYEES LABOR RELATIONS ACT Bustin Hayes Rolde M-OTIP (Acc.) m-ONTP Carryover to next session
- SUMMARY: Pay rates for particular job classifications and classifications of jobs are made mandatory subjects of bargaining; intended to change the result of a Law Court decision holding them non-negotiable items.