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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1038

H. P. 772

House of Representatives, February 23, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Genest of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Earnings Requirement and Penalty Period for Benefits
under Employment Security Law.

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

R. S., T. 26, § 1193, sub-§ 3, amended. The first sentence of subsection 3 of section 1193 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 15 of chapter 381 of the public laws of 1965 and by chapter 176 of the public laws of 1969, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

If he fails, without good cause, either to apply for suitable work when notified by the employment office, or to accept suitable work when it is offered to him, and the disqualification shall continue until he has earned, in each of 4 weeks after the week of the disqualifying action, an amount at least equal to his weekly benefit amount, and if a claimant does not work after the disqualification, the disqualification is removed after the 8th week following the week of the disqualifying action, provided the claimant is able and available and actively seeking work and is otherwise eligible; except that, if the commission determines that refusal has occurred for cause of necessitous and compelling nature, the individual shall be ineligible for the week in which the refusal occurred and while such inability or unavailability continues.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to lessen the earnings requirement and the penalty period.