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H. P. 774

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.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT** Relating to Eligibility for Benefits under Employment Security  
Law due to Temporary Disability.

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

R. S., T. 26, § 1192, sub-§ 3, amended. Subsection 3 of section 1192 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 11 of chapter 381 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended by adding after the first sentence the following new sentences :

No claimant shall be considered ineligible in any week of unemployment for failure to comply with this subsection if such failure is due to an illness or disability, not the result of a preexisting condition, which occurs after he has registered for work, filed a claim and been determined otherwise eligible, and no work which would have been considered suitable at the time of filing his claim has been offered to him after the beginning of such illness or disability. The claimant shall report his illness or disability within 7 days of his regular report date, and shall submit a doctor's certificate covering the week or weeks claimed in connection therewith. In the event that otherwise suitable work is available but not offered to the claimant because of his illness or disability, an offer of work shall be deemed to have been made and benefits denied. No claimant shall have the benefit of this illness or disability provision in excess of 4 weeks, not necessarily consecutive, within his benefit year, and nothing therein provided shall affect the provision relative to pregnancy contained in this subsection.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this amendment is to provide benefits for a limited time to claimants who meet the proposed requirements during a period of temporary disability.