

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 759

S. P. 262

In Senate, February 12, 1973

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Tanous of Penobscot.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT** Relating to Separation Reports under Employment Security Law.

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

R. S., T. 26, § 1194, sub-§ 2, amended. Subsection 2 of section 1194 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by sections 29 and 30 of chapter 538 of the public laws of 1971, is further amended by adding at the end the following new blocked paragraphs:

If an employer's separation report for an employee is not received by the office specified thereon within 7 days after such report was requested, that fact will be taken as an admission that no eligibility question exists as to the employee's current claim and benefits will be certified promptly and allowed. If the employer's report is received after said 7-day period has elapsed, it will be effective in reducing benefits only as to benefit checks paid after the date on which the report was received.

If an employer files as amended separation report or otherwise raises a new issue as to an employee's eligibility or changing the wages or weeks used in determining benefits, such amended report or notice of new issue will be effective in reducing benefits only as to benefit checks paid after the date on which the amended report or notice was received.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill would speed the payment of benefits and eliminate the necessity to debit claimants due to tardy separation information.