

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 2369**

H. P. 1870

House of Representatives, January 16, 1974

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hobbins of Saco.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FOUR

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**AN ACT to Eliminate the Mandatory Waiting Period for Unemployment Compensation Applicants who Have Lost Income as a Result of Electrical or Petroleum Product Shortages.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, shortages of petroleum products threaten severe economic dislocation, increases in unemployment and loss of income; and

Whereas, immediate action is required to protect Maine workers from loss of income as a result of fuel shortages; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

R. S., T. 26, § 1192, sub-§ 4, amended. Subsection 4 of section 1192 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 409 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

Provided that the requirements of this subsection shall not apply to an unemployed individual whose unemployment the commission finds to be the result of shortage in petroleum or electrical supplies required at his place of work.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved and shall continue in effect until midnight February 28, 1975.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to temporarily provide prompt compensation for those workers who lose jobs or suffer significant income losses as a result of energy shortages.