

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 139

House of Representatives, January 14, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Kelleher of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Eliminating Waiting Period under the Employment Security Law.

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

Whereas, the time when closing for inventory normally takes place will have passed unless legislation is passed as emergency legislation; and

Whereas, this legislation is vitally necessary to prevent further financial hardship on employees regulated under the Employment Security Law; 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:

26 MRSA, § 1192, sub-§ 4, as last amended by PL 1965, c. 409, is repealed.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Many of Maine's citizens are employed in light industries who for the most part have established a routine of closing their plant for inventories of stock on either a yearly or bi-yearly basis. Such closings cause an undue hardship on the employees who must lose their wages for the period in question. The enactment of this legislation will provide a sense of well-being and prevent further financial hardships on these employees, while forcing management to innovate a better and more fair method of achieving their goal.