

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 368

H. P. 305

House of Representatives, January 28, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. MacEachern of Lincoln.

Cosponsors: Mr. Martin of Saint Agatha and Mrs. Najarian of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Increase the Maximum Weekly Benefit under the Employment
Security Law.

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

26 MRSA, § 1191, sub-§ 2, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 538, § 21, is further amended to read:

2. **Weekly benefit amount for total unemployment.** Each eligible individual establishing a benefit year on and after January 1, 1972, who is totally unemployed in any week shall be paid with respect to such week benefits equal to ~~1/22~~ 1/19 of the wages, rounded to the nearest dollar, paid to him in the high quarter of his base period, but not less than \$12. The maximum weekly benefit amount for claimants requesting insured status determination from June 1st of a calendar year to May 31st of the next calendar year shall not exceed ~~52%~~ 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of the annual average weekly wage, rounded to the ~~nearest~~ **next highest** dollar, paid in the calendar year preceding June 1st of such calendar year.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The basic thrust of this bill is to change the maximum weekly benefit under the Employment Security Law from 52% of the employee's average weekly wage to 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of the average weekly wage.