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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 524

H. P. 430

House of Representatives, February 4, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cote of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Amend the Employment Security Law as it Applies to
Disqualifications for Benefits.

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA, § 1192, sub-§ 3, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 538, § 23, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

3. Is able and available for work. He is able to work and is available for suitable work at his usual or customary trade, occupation, profession or business or in such other trade, occupation, profession or business as his prior training or experience shows him to be fitted or qualified; and in addition to having complied with subsection 2 is himself actively seeking work. In determining whether or not any work is suitable for an individual, the commission shall consider the degree of risk involved to his health, safety and morals, his physical fitness and prior training, his experience and prior earnings, his length of unemployment and prospects for securing local work in his customary occupation, and the distance of the available work from his residence.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA, § 1193, sub-§ 1, ¶ A, first sentence, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 538, § 28, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

For the week in which he left his regular employment voluntarily without good cause, or to a claimant who has voluntarily removed himself from the labor market where presently employed to an area where employment opportunity is less frequent, if so found by the commission, and disqualification shall continue for 12 weeks immediately following such week or until the claimant has earned 8 times his weekly benefit amount, whichever occurs first.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to remove the present unfair disqualification for benefits to workers being unemployed through no fault of their own.