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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 571

H. P. 509

House of Representatives, February 6, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Garsoe of Cumberland.

Cosponsor: Mr. Hobbins of Saco.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

**AN ACT to Suspend Certain Requirements of the Employment Security Law
During Periods of Emergency.**

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

Whereas, it can be reasonably expected that the insured rate of unemployment will go to a higher percentage than presently experienced; and

Whereas, this condition is creating unnecessary problems for both the worker and the departmental personnel; and

Whereas, the compliance of the "registration for work" provision for eligibility for unemployment benefits is, during high periods of unemployment, oppressive to the unemployed worker and impossible for the agency to maintain expeditiously to alleviate the hardships on the unemployed worker; 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26 MRSA, § 1192, sub-§ 2, as amended by PL 1973, c. 555, § 13, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

2. Has registered for work. He has registered for work at, and thereafter continued to report at, an employment office in accordance with such

regulations as the commission may prescribe, except that the commission may, by regulation, waive or alter either or both of the requirements of this subsection as to individuals attached to regular jobs and as to such other types of cases or situations with respect to which it finds that compliance with such requirements would be oppressive, or would be inconsistent with the purposes of this chapter. No such regulation shall conflict with section 1191, subsection 1;

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act will permit the agency to provide more expeditious service to the public at the local office during periods of high unemployment by permitting the agency to prepare immediate temporary partial registrations which will be completed at a later date and waive this requirement for claimants who have a continuing job attachment.