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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 792

S. P. 240

In Senate, February 26, 1975

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Berry of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Discharge for Misconduct as Disqualification for
Benefits under Employment Security Law.

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

26 MRSA § 1193, sub-§ 2, as amended by PL 1965, c. 381, § 14 is further amended to read:

2. **Discharge for misconduct.** For the week in which he has been discharged for misconduct connected with his work, if so found by the commission, and disqualification shall continue for 12 weeks immediately following such week or until claimant has earned 8 times his weekly benefit amount, whichever occurs first; provided that during periods of high level unemployment as defined in section 1043, subsection 27, an individual shall be disqualified for benefits for not more than 6 weeks or until he has earned 4 times his weekly benefit amount, whichever occurs first;

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to moderate the disqualification period and earnings requirement during a high level period of unemployment when work is scarce due wholly to economic reasons.