

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
107TH LEGISLATURE

(Filing No. H-755)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1230, L.D. 1537, Bill,
"AN ACT to Provide Supplemental Unemployment Benefits to
Persons with Dependents."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the title and
inserting in place thereof the following: 'AN ACT to Limit Abuse
Of the Unemployment Insurance Fund and to Increase Unemployment
Benefits.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out everything after the
enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1191, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1965,
c. 457, §3, is further amended to read:

4. Maximum amount of benefits. The maximum amount of benefits
which shall be paid to any eligible individual with respect to any
benefit year, whether for total or partial unemployment, shall not
exceed the lesser of 26 times his weekly benefit amount or 33 1/3%,
rounded to the nearest dollar, of his total wages paid for insured
work during his base period, plus the supplemental weekly benefit
for dependents payable under subsection 6.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §1191, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Supplemental weekly benefit for dependents. An individ-
ual in total or partial unemployment and otherwise eligible for
benefits shall be paid for each week of such unemployment, in addition
to the amounts payable under subsections 2 and 3, the sum of \$7
for each unemancipated child of such individual who in a
benefit year is, in fact, dependent upon and is being wholly or mainly

supported by such individual, and who is under the age of 18, or who is 18 years of age or over and incapable of earning wages because of mental or physical incapacity, or who is a full-time student as defined in Title 39, section 2, subsection 4, paragraph C, or who is in his custody pending the adjudication of a petition filed by such individual for the adoption of such child in a court of competent jurisdiction and for each such child for whom he is under a decree or order from a court of competent jurisdiction to contribute to such child's support and for whom no other person is receiving allowances hereunder. In no instance shall the dependency benefits as provided in this subsection be more than 50% of the individual's weekly benefit amount except that if such amount of dependency benefits includes a fractional part of a dollar, it shall be raised to the next highest dollar.

The commission shall prescribe regulations as to who may receive a dependency allowance when both the husband and wife are eligible to receive unemployment compensation benefits.

Sec. 3. 26 MRS §1192, sub-§5, first sentence, as amended by PL 1967, c. 398, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

For each eligible individual establishing a benefit year on or after January 1, 1976, he has been paid wages of at least \$250 for insured work in each of 2 different quarters in his base period and has been paid total wages of at least \$800 in his base period for insured work.

Sec. 4. Effective date. This Act shall become effective January 1, 1976.'

Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are to:

1. Establish, for each week of a claimant's participation, a weekly dependents' allowance for children who are in fact financially dependent and are under 18 years of age, or full-time students, or are physically or mentally unable to work, subject to a limit (dependents' allowance can't exceed 50% of the weekly benefit amount).

2. Require unemployment insurance claimants to demonstrate a closer attachment to the labor market, thus limiting abuse of the unemployment system.

Reported by the Committee on Labor.

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.

6/16/75

(Filing No. H-755)