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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SIX

AN ACT to Charge Supplemental Weekly Benefits for Dependents to the
   General Fund Account of the State Unemployment Trust Fund.

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

   Whereas, payments made under the recently enacted dependents' allow-
ance are charged to the experience rating of employers, rather than to the
general fund of the State Unemployment Trust Fund; and

   Whereas, the current charging practice provides unnecessary and discrimi-
natory incentives to employers to discriminate in hiring and laying off em-
ployees with dependents; and

   Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emer-
gency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the fol-
lowing 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 § 1221, sub-§ 3, ¶ A, sub-¶ (6), is enacted to read:

   (6) Supplemental weekly benefits for dependents were paid in accord-
ance with section 1191, subsection 6.

   Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
Act shall be retroactive to January 1, 1976.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to charge the dependents' allowance under the unemployment compensation program to the general fund of the State Unemployment Trust Fund, rather than against the experience ratings of employers. The reason for this change is set out in the emergency preamble.