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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 113, L.D. 143, Bill, "AN ACT
Revising the Disqualification Periods for Persons who Voluntarily
Quit Work or are Discharged for Misconduct."

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting
clause and inserting in its place the following:

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c. 538, §28, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A. If so found by the commission, for the week in which he
left his regular employment voluntarily without good cause
attributable to that employment, or voluntarily removed
himself from the labor market where presently employed to an
area where employment opportunity is less frequent. Disqualifi-
cation shall continue either until the claimant has earned 8
times his weekly benefit amount or until the claimant has left
work, then registered for work with the employment service and then
has reported to the employment service once weekly for 12 weeks,
whether or not the weeks were consecutive, in accordance with
such regulations as the commission shall prescribe.

An individual shall not be disqualified for benefits by this
paragraph if:

- (1) He leaves his regular employment due to his serious
illness, injury or disability, including a result of
pregnancy in the case of a female, or the ^{serious} illness,
injury or disability of a spouse, child or parent; or

(2) He leaves his regular employment to accompany, follow or join his spouse or other immediate family member in a new place of residence and he can clearly show upon arrival at the new place of residence an attachment to the new labor market and is in all respects available for suitable work;

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §1193, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1965, c. 381, §14, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

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 either until the claimant has earned 8 times his weekly benefit amount or until the claimant has been discharged, then registered for work with the employment service and then has reported to the employment service once weekly for 12 weeks, whether or not the weeks were consecutive, in accordance with such regulations as the commission shall prescribe.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment provides that a person shall not be disqualified for unemployment benefits under a voluntary quit situation if he leaves his employment because of illness, injury or disability of himself or a member of his immediate family, or if he leaves his employment in order to follow his spouse or immediate family member to a new place of residence and is available for suitable work.

This amendment requires weekly reporting for work during the 12-week disqualification period for voluntary quits and persons discharged for misconduct.

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Filed by Mr. Stubbs of Hallowell.

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