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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 125, L.D. 158, Bill, "AN ACT Concerning Weekly Benefits Paid to Persons who are Partially Unemployed."

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

'26 MRSA §1191, sub-§3, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 710, §1-A, is further amended by adding at the end the following:
On and after January 1, 1978, each eligible individual who, affirmatively terminated from his regular employment for a period in excess of 4 consecutive calendar weeks, is employed less than 40 hours for a period not exceeding 2 consecutive calendar weeks or performs odd jobs shall be paid an amount equal to his weekly benefit amount less:

A. 50% of his earnings paid or payable to him with respect to such week in excess of \$10 up to \$35, plus any fraction of a dollar; and

B. 100% of his earnings paid or payable to him with respect to such week in excess of \$35, plus any fraction of a dollar.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment reflects the majority view of the Committee on Labor, which has been inadvertently misplaced. This amendment provides an incentive for persons who are totally unemployed to accept odd jobs or temporary employment, as it provides that any earnings from such work are not to be deducted at the same rate as those earnings from where regularly employed. This amendment, by lessening the financial penalty for reporting weekly earnings for odd jobs, should increase accurate reporting of weekly earnings. Currently, all but \$10 is deducted.

Filed by Mr. Higgins of Scarborough.

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