

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 158

H. P. 125

House of Representatives, January 26, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Higgins of Scarborough.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Concerning Weekly Benefits Paid to Persons who are Partially
Unemployed.**

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

26 MRSA § 1191, sub-§ 3, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 710, § 1-A, is amended by adding at the end the following:

Each eligible individual who is partially unemployed in any week shall be paid with respect to that week a partial benefit in an amount equal to his weekly benefit amount less that part of his earnings paid or payable to him with respect to that week which is in excess of \$15. In addition, earnings in excess of \$15 up to \$35 will be deducted at the rate of 50%. Any part of the earnings in excess of \$35 will be deducted in full.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides an incentive to earn for persons who are partially unemployed, as it provides that any earnings below \$15 per week are not to be deducted from unemployment benefits and provides that only 50% of any weekly earnings in excess of \$15 and below \$35 are to be deducted from weekly unemployment benefits. This bill, by lessening the financial penalty for reporting weekly earnings, should increase accurate reporting of weekly earnings.

As unemployment benefits are not funded by the State, passage of this bill will not result in any increased expenditure by the State.