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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 385

S. P. 144

In Senate, February 10, 1977

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator McNally of Hancock.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Strengthen the State Unemployment Fund.

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

26 MRSA § 1192, sub-§ 3, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 770, § 122, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

3. Is able and available for work. He is able to work and is available for work at any occupation, trade or profession for which he is found by the commission to be mentally, physically or otherwise suitably qualified and in addition to having complied with subsection 2, is himself actively seeking work in accordance with the regulations of the commission.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Recent cost estimates of the Department of Manpower Affairs indicate that the State Unemployment Trust Fund will have borrowed about 21.4 million dollars by April of 1977. The purpose of this bill is to reduce the number of claims against the fund by requiring that unemployed persons accept any available employment for which they are found to be mentally, physically or otherwise qualified.