

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 590

S. P. 193

In Senate, February 23, 1977

Referred to 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 Relating to Maximum Benefits under the Employment
Security Law

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

26 MRSA § 1191, sub-§ 4, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 568, § 1, is further amended to read:

4. Maximum amount of benefits. The maximum amount of benefits which shall be paid to any eligible individual with respect to any benefit year, whether for total or partial unemployment, shall not exceed the lesser of ~~20~~ 20 times his weekly benefit amount of 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ %, rounded to the nearest dollar, of his total wages paid for insured work during his base period, plus the supplemental weekly benefit for dependents payable under subsection 6.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to limit the total benefit amount per person to a 20-week period. Recent cost estimates of the Department of Manpower Affairs indicate that the State Unemployment Trust Fund will have borrowed by about \$21,400,000 by April of 1977. Savings to the trust fund will be approximately \$3,200,000 annually. This bill was reported out of the Labor Committee of the First Special Session of the 107th Maine Legislature as part of an omnibus bill.