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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-157)
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 437, LD 554, Bill, "AN ACT TO Relate The Qualifying Wage Levels for Unemployment Compensation to the Average Weekly Wage."

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out everything after the amending clause and inserting the following in its place:

'24. Insured worker. An "insured worker" is an individual who has been paid wages equal to or exceeding 2 times the annual average weekly wage for insured work in each of 2 different quarters in his base period and has been paid total wages equal to or exceeding 6 times the annual average weekly wage in his base period for insured work. The annual average weekly wage amount to be used for purposes of this subsection shall be that which is applicable at the time the individual files a request for determination of his insured status.'

Further amend the bill in section 2 by striking out everything after the amending clause and inserting the following in its place:

'For each eligible individual establishing a benefit year on or after January 1, 1980, he has been paid wages equal to or exceeding 2 times the annual average weekly wage for insured work in each of 2 different quarters in his base period and has been paid total wages equal to or exceeding 7 times the annual average weekly wage in his base period for insured

work. The annual average weekly wage amount to be used for purposes of this subsection shall be that which is applicable at the time the individual files a request for determination of his insured status.'

Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are to:

1. Reduce in both bill sections "7 times the annual average" to "6 times the annual average." This change is an attempt to minimize the elimination from insured status any substantial number of persons compared to those who qualified in 1978.
2. Correct throughout the bill a misuse of the word "earned" with respect to "wages." "Paid" is the proper term.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Labor
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