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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 823, L.D. 1023, Bill, "AN ACT to Define Suitable Work after the First Twelve Consecutive Weeks of Unemployment."

Amend the bill by striking out all of the last 2 sentences before the statement of fact and inserting in their place the following:

'In determining whether or not work is suitable for an individual after the first 12 consecutive weeks of unemployment, the commission shall consider the degree of risk involved to his health, safety and morals, his physical fitness, his prior earnings, his length of unemployment and prospects for securing local work in his customary occupation and the distance of the available work from his residence. the individual's prior earnings shall not be considered with respect to an offer of or referral to an otherwise suitable job which pays wages equal to or exceeding the average weekly wage in the State of Maine.'

Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are to:

1. Ensure that the commission continues to consider the individual's prospects for securing work in his customary occupation even after 12 weeks of unemployment; and
2. Remove an ambiguity in the bill relating to the treatment of prior earnings.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Labor
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