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House of Representatives, January 22, 1981

Submitted by the Department of Manpower Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule
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Referred to the Committee on Labor. Sent up for concurrence and ordered
printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Tuttle of Sanford.

Cosponsor: Representative Foster of Ellsworth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

**AN ACT to Amend the Employment Security Law Relating to Payment of
Extended Benefits of Interstate Claimants.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Employment Security Law must provide for payment of extended benefits during certain periods in conformity with provisions of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970; and

Whereas, amendments made by the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act, P.L. 96-364 specify circumstances in which extended benefits are not payable on interstate claims; and

Whereas, the new federal requirement must be implemented by state law effective June 1, 1981; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

26 MRSA § 1195, sub-§ 7-A is enacted to read:

7-A. Cessation of interstate extended benefits. Payment of extended benefits shall not be made to any individual for any week beginning after June 1, 1981, if extended benefits are payable for that week pursuant to an interstate claim filed in any state under the interstate benefit payment plan, and no extended benefit period is in effect for that week in that state. This subsection shall not apply with respect to the first 2 weeks for which extended benefits are payable, determined without regard to this subsection, pursuant to an interstate claim filed under the interstate benefit payment plan to the individual from the extended benefit account established for the individual with respect to the benefit year.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill is required for conformity with federal requirements coming from Congressional enactment of Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970, P.L. 96-364.

Under this bill, when an eligible individual files an interstate claim for extended benefits from this State, such compensation shall be paid for the first 2 compensable weeks, but may not be paid for any additional week unless an extended benefit period is also in effect in the State in which he resides.