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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 729

H. P. 639

House of Representatives, February 9, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Beaulieu of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Prevent Frivolous Appeals in Unemployment Compensation Cases.

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

26 MRSA § 1194, sub-§ 11, ¶ D is enacted to read:

D. Any benefits paid retroactively under this subsection includes interest payable at the rate of 8% per year from the filing date of each claim for benefits.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Unemployment compensation claims which are denied and then appealed often take several months to get resolved. If the claimant is finally successful he receives benefits retroactively but receives no interest on this money wrongfully withheld. This bill provides for the payment of interest on benefits wrongfully withheld at 8%. This is the percentage currently authorized by law to be paid in all civil actions from the date on which the complaint is filed until judgment is entered.