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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 257, L.D. 739, Bill, "AN ACT to Clarify Food Stamp Allotment Calculations in Cases of Immediate Economic Loss."

Amend the Bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following:

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

Whereas, in the current economic climate of this State and this Nation, there are many people being temporarily laid off from or losing jobs; and

Whereas, many of these people are already in sufficiently difficult circumstances that they are receiving food stamp allotments; and

Whereas, the temporary cessation of pay or loss of a job imposes severe economic hardship on these citizens of the State; and

Whereas, there is every prospect of these difficulties continuing through the spring and summer; 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, '

Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect on June 1, 1981.'

Statement of Fact

The emergency clause does not put the bill into effect immediately, but by June 1, 1981, rather than 90 days after the end of the Legislature. The June 1st effective date will allow the Department of Human Services to take whatever steps necessary to train staff for the slightly altered procedure.

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