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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 768

H. P. 664 House of Representatives, February 10, 1981
Referred to the Committee on Labor. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Leighton of Harrison.
Cosponsor: Representative Hayden of Durham.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**AN ACT to Provide for Recovery of Unemployment Compensation Overpayments
over a Reasonable Period of Time.**

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

26 MRSA § 1051, sub-§ 7 is enacted to read:

7. Limitation on recovery. Deduction from benefits that may be or may become payable to an individual as provided for in subsections 4 and 5 shall be limited to not more than 10% of any weekly benefit payment otherwise due the claimant.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Under current law, the Employment Security Commission may withhold the entire amount of an unemployment compensation claimant's weekly benefit payment until any overpayment made to him is satisfied. This practice places an extreme hardship on families, many of whom were entirely without fault in receiving the overpayment, who depend on these benefits as their only means of support during periods of unemployment.

This bill provides that no more than 10% of an unemployment compensation claimant's benefit payment can be withheld weekly to satisfy an overpayment.