

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 885

H. P. 748

House of Representatives, February 17, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Connolly of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Adjust the Weekly Benefit Amount for Dependents of Unemployment Compensation Claimants.

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

26 MRSA § 1191, sub-§ 6, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 568, § 2, is amended to read:

An individual in total or partial unemployment and otherwise eligible for benefits shall be paid for each week of such unemployment, in addition to the amounts payable under subsections 2 and 3, the sum of ~~55~~ \$15 for each unemancipated child of such individual who in any part of the benefit year and during any part of such individual's period of eligibility is, in fact, dependent upon and is being wholly or mainly supported by such individual, and who is under the age of 18, or who is 18 years of age or over and incapable of earning wages because of mental or physical incapacity, or who is a full-time student as defined in Title 39, section 2, subsection 4, paragraph C, or who is in his custody pending the adjudication of a petition filed by such individual for the adoption of such child in a court of competent jurisdiction and for each such child for whom he is under a decree or other from a court of competent jurisdiction to contribute to such child's support and for whom no other person is receiving allowances hereunder. ~~In no instance shall the dependency benefits as provided in this subsection be more than 50% of the individual's weekly benefit amount except that if such amount of dependency~~

~~benefits includes a fractional part of a dollar, it shall be raised to the next highest dollar~~

STATEMENT OF FACT

This section of law providing for a \$5 supplemental weekly benefit for dependents of unemployment compensation claimants was enacted in 1975. This amount has not increased since its original enactment even though inflation has caused costs to consumers to increase tremendously during that same period. The present allowance is wholly inadequate to accomplish the purpose which it was originally enacted to serve and should be increased to meet this important need.