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Presented by Representative Tuttle of Sanford.

Cosponsor: Representative Swazey of Bucksport.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT Concerning Unemployment
18 Compensation.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1043, sub-§2, as last amended
23 by PL 1977, c. 570, §2, is further amended to read:

24 2. Annual payroll. "Annual payroll" means the
25 total amount of wages paid by an employer during a
26 calendar year, not meaning, however, to include that
27 part of individual wages or salaries in excess of
28 \$3,000 in any calendar year through 1971, \$4,200 in
29 any calendar year through 1977 and \$6,000 in any
30 subsequent calendar year through December 31, 1983,
31 and in any subsequent calendar year that part of
32 remuneration equal to \$8,000.

1 Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §1043, sub-§5, ¶A, as repealed
2 and replaced by PL 1965, c. 381, §2, is amended to
3 read:

4 A. "Annual average weekly wage," as used to
5 establish the maximum weekly benefit amount for
6 purposes of this chapter, shall be 1/52 of aggregate
7 total wages paid in Maine covered employment,
8 as reported on employer contribution reports for
9 the calendar year, divided by the arithmetic mean of
10 mid-month weekly covered employment reported on
11 employer contribution reports for the calendar year;
12 but in no event may any annual percentage increase
13 resulting from this computation be used to establish
14 the maximum weekly benefit amount to the extent that
15 the increase exceeds 50% of the increase in the Consumer
16 Price Index as defined in Title 5, section 1001,
17 subsection 6-A.
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19 Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §1043, sub-§19, ¶A, as amended
20 by PL 1977, c. 570, §18, is further amended to read:

21 A. For purposes of section 1221, the term
22 "wages" shall not include that part of remuneration
23 which after remuneration equal to \$3,000 through
24 December 31, 1971, \$4,200 through December 31,
25 1977, and on and after January 1, 1978
26 that part of remuneration equal to \$6,000 through
27 December 31, 1983 and on or after January 1, 1983
28 that part of remuneration equal to \$8,000 has
29 been paid in a calendar year to an individual by
30 an employer or his predecessor with respect to
31 employment during any calendar year, is paid to
32 such that individual by such that employer during
33 such that calendar year, unless that part of the
34 remuneration is subject to a tax under a federal
35 law imposing a tax against which credit may be
36 taken for contributions required to be paid into
37 a state unemployment fund. The wages of an indi-
38 vidual for employment with an employer shall be
39 subject to this exception whether earned in this
40 State or any other state when the employer-employee
41 relationship is between the same legal entities;
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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill limits any percentage increase in the maximum weekly benefit amount paid under the unemployment law to 50% of the annual increase in the consumer price increase. It also increases the amount of wage upon which unemployment compensation taxes are paid.

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