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|   | EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk   |
| Presented by Representative<br>Cosponsor: Representa  | Manning of Portland.<br>tive Beaulieu of Portland.   |
|   | STATE OF MAINE   |
|   | HE YEAR OF OUR LORD<br>HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  |
| Approved Tr   | Clarify the Definition of<br>aining in the Unemployment<br>pensation Program.  |
| Be it enacted by th<br>follows:   | e People of the State of Maine as  |
|   | <pre>sub-§6, as amended by PL 1971, c.<br/>ed and the following enacted in</pre>   |
| provisions of thi<br>claimant in approve<br>the commission, unc<br>mission, shall not<br>with respect to su<br>ity and the work se<br>of section 1193, su | aining. Notwithstanding any other<br>s chapter, any otherwise eligible<br>d training, as approved for him by<br>er regulations adopted by the com-<br>be denied benefits for any week<br>bsection 3, relating to availabil-<br>arch requirement or the provisions<br>bsection 3. For the purposes of<br>aining shall be approved if: |

- 1A. The program is certified by the Department of2Educational and Cultural Services or the United3States Department of Labor; and
- B. The individual participating in the program
  will have increased potential for employment at
  the completion of the training program.

7 Benefits paid to any eligible claimant while in 8 training, as approved by the commission, for which, 9 except for this subsection, the claimant could be 10 disqualified under section 1193, subsection 3, shall 11 not be charged against the experience rating record 12 of any employer but shall be charged to the General 13 Fund.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

15 Current federal law governing the unemployment compensation program requires benefits to be paid to 16 17 claimants in training programs which have been 18 approved by the State. Under this law, claimants in 19 approved training will not be disgualified from bene-20 fits if they do not meet the availability or work search requirements of the law because 21 of their 22 participation in training.

23 The purpose of this bill is to encourage unem-24 ployed workers to participate in training that will 25 increase their potential for employment.

26 The Legislature gave the power to the Employment 27 Security Commission to adopt rules setting standards 28 for the approval of training programs.

Rules established by the commission are so narrow as to frustrate the purpose of the law and deprive many unemployed workers, attempting to improve their situation through training, of support intended for them by both Congress and the Legislature.

34 This bill establishes statutory standards for 35 approved training.

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