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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 731,
L.D. 2017, Bill, "AN ACT to Amend Certain Sections
of the Law Related to the Department of Labor."

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

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

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Whereas, the United States Unemployment Tax Act
requires state unemployment laws to conform to feder-
al law; and

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Whereas, noncompliance can cause employers to
lose federal tax credits for contributions made to
the Unemployment Compensation Fund; and

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Whereas, this bill corrects an inadvertent error
that caused the United States Department of Labor to
notify the State that its program no longer complies
with federal law; and

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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 preser-
vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
therefore,

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

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 731, L.D. 2017

1 when approved.'

2 STATEMENT OF FACT

3 Section 1 of the bill corrects an inadvertent
4 change made during the last legislative session that
5 has caused the United States Department of Labor to
6 notify the State that its unemployment laws are no
7 longer in conformity with the United States Unemploy-
8 ment Tax Act. Unless corrected, this nonconformity
9 can cause loss of federal tax credits to employers.
10 This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emer-
11 gency clause to assure prompt compliance with federal
12 standards.

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