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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

No. 2031

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7 H.P. 1552

House of Representatives, February 3, 1984

8 Reported by Representative Swazey from the Unemployment  
9 Compensation Fund Commission pursuant to Private and Special Laws 1983,  
Chapter 46.

10 Reference to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor suggested and  
printing ordered under Joint Rule 18.

11 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

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

22 Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1191, sub-§2, as amended by PL  
23 1983, c. 13, §2 and c. 305, §2, is repealed and the  
24 following enacted in its place:

25 2. Weekly benefit amount for total unemployment.  
26 Each eligible individual establishing a benefit year  
27 on and after October 1, 1983, who is totally unem-  
28 ployed in any week shall be paid with respect to that  
29 week, benefits equal to 1/22 of the wages, rounded to  
30 the nearest lower full dollar amount, paid to him in  
31 the high quarter of his base period, but not less  
32 than \$12. The maximum weekly benefit amount for  
33 claimants requesting insured status determination be-  
34 ginning October 1, 1983, and thereafter from June 1st



1 credits are from both seasonal and nonseasonal work,  
2 for his weekly benefit amount is determined based on  
3 wages from both types of employment.

4 The only definitive study on seasonality laws,  
5 done by Merrill Murray in 1972, recommends repeal of  
6 all seasonality laws because of their inequities and  
7 increased administrative burdens. Because of these  
8 reasons and because other provisions are better at  
9 screening claimants and minimizing costs without  
10 these undesirable results, only 9 other states now  
11 have seasonality laws in effect.

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