

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 929

H.P. 688 House of Representatives, March 25, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered
printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative WILLEY of Hampden.
Cosponsored by Senators EMERSON of Penobscot and
TWITCHELL of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT Concerning the Amount of Extended
2 Benefits under the Employment Security
3 Law.
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5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
6 follows:

7 26 MRSA §1195, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1971, c.
8 119, is amended to read:

9 4. Weekly extended benefit amount. The weekly
10 extended benefit amount payable to an individual for
11 a week of total unemployment in his eligibility peri-
12 od shall be an amount equal to the weekly benefit
13 amount payable to him during his applicable benefit
14 year.

1 For any week during a period in which federal pay-
2 ments to the states under the Federal-State Extended
3 Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970, Section 204,
4 are reduced under an order issued under the Balanced
5 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985,
6 Section 252, the weekly extended benefit amount pay-
7 able to an individual for a week of unemployment in
8 his eligibility period shall be reduced by a percent-
9 age equivalent to the percentage of the reduction in
10 the federal payment. The reduced weekly extended
11 benefit amount, if not a full dollar amount, shall be
12 rounded to the nearest lower full dollar amount.

13 STATEMENT OF FACT

14 The purpose of this bill is to reduce the weekly
15 extended benefit amount under the Employment Security
16 Law if the Federal Government reduces its share of
17 the payments pursuant to the Balanced Budget and
18 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, the so-called
19 Gramm-Rudman Act.

20 Currently, the Federal Government pays up to 1/2
21 of the amount of extended benefits. However, the
22 Federal Government may have to reduce its percentage
23 share of the extended benefit amounts. If that hap-
24 pens, this bill proposes to reduce the extended benef-
25 it amount accordingly, so that the State will not
26 have to increase its share of the extended benefit
27 amount.

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