

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

(EMERGENCY)
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 2293

H.P. 1674 House of Representatives, February 18, 1988
Reported by Representative HICHBORN from the Committee on
Economic Development. Sent up for concurrence and ordered
printed. Approved by the Legislative Council on June 19, 1987.
Reference to the Committee on Economic Development
suggested and printing ordered under Joint Rule 19.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Determine the Extent and Impact
2 of Unemployed Persons No Longer Eligible
3 for Unemployment Insurance Upon the
4 State of Maine.
5

6 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the
7 Legislature do not become effective until 90 days
8 after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

9 Whereas, there are many persons who fail to find
10 employment following the termination of their

1 unemployment compensation insurance benefits; and

2 Whereas, many people face severe obstacles such as
3 illiteracy, the lack of skills and other liabilities
4 which prevent them from obtaining employment; and

5 Whereas, available information is inadequate to
6 identify the total number of unemployed persons
7 ineligible for unemployment compensation, the reason
8 for their inability to secure employment and their
9 current status; and

10 Whereas, the loss of these people from the work
11 force, especially at a time when there are severe
12 labor shortages in many areas of the State, is a
13 serious and costly liability to the State and its
14 economy; and

15 Whereas, the tragedy of this situation has a
16 severe and adverse impact upon the families and
17 communities of these forgotten people; and

18 Whereas, this situation needs to be addressed
19 immediately to effectively address the labor shortage
20 in Maine and the adverse impacts upon the State; and

21 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these
22 facts create an emergency within the meaning of the
23 Constitution of Maine and require the following
24 legislation as immediately necessary for the
25 preservation of the public peace, health and safety;
26 now, therefore,

27 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
28 follows:

29 Sec. 1. 26. MRSA §2005, sub-§5, ¶¶G and H, as
30 enacted by PL 1987, c. 542, Pt. F, §4, are amended to
31 read:

32 G. Prepare an annual report to the Governor and
33 Legislature, which shall be a public document and
34 issue such other studies, reports or documents it
35 deems advisable in carrying out the purposes of
36 this section; and

1 H. Perform the following additional duties:

2 (1) Recommend to the Governor and
3 Legislature substate service delivery areas;

4 (2) Recommend resource allocations under the
5 United States Job Training Partnership Act,
6 Titles I and II, that are not subject to the
7 United States Job Training Partnership Act,
8 Sections 202(a);

9 (3) Develop appropriate relationships with
10 other programs;

11 (4) Coordinate activities with Private
12 Industry Councils; and

13 (5) Recommend variations in performance
14 standards. Such recommendations shall be
15 contained in the "Human Resource Development
16 Coordination Criteria; and"

17 Sec. 2. 26 MRSa §2005, sub-§5, ¶I is enacted to
18 read:

19 I. Develop and implement a procedure to determine
20 the extent and status of unemployed persons no
21 longer eligible for unemployment compensation in
22 this State. In conducting this task, the council
23 shall determine:

24 (1) The number and location of these
25 unemployed persons who are no longer eligible
26 to receive unemployment compensation
27 insurance;

28 (2) The reasons for their inability to
29 obtain employment;

30 (3) The number of these people who are
31 receiving assistance from other state
32 programs and the amount of assistance;

1 employment and the means by which they could become
2 gainfully employed.

3 The council shall report its findings to the First
4 Regular Session of the 114th Legislature.

5

4700020488