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House of Representatives, December 7, 1988

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.


EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative McKEEN of Windam.

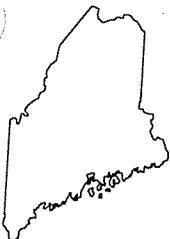
Cosponsored by Representatives JOSEPH of Waterville, CARTER of Winslow and Senator MATTHEWS of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Clarify Eligibility for the STAR Program.

(EMERGENCY)



1 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
3 as emergencies; and

5 Whereas, railroad and railway workers are eligible for the
6 STAR program and are in need of its services, but Department of
7 Labor rules make them ineligible; and

9 Whereas, there is an immediate need to overturn rules of
10 the department that are contrary to legislative intent; and

11 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
12 create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
13 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
14 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
15 safety; now, therefore,

16 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

18 26 MRSA §2015-A, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 775, §3,
19 is amended to read:

20 2. Program goals. The purpose of this section is to
21 establish an employment training program to provide unemployed or
22 displaced workers with skills training and support which lead to
23 jobs in stable and expanding industries, as well as support
24 services so that individuals are able to take advantage of
25 educational and training opportunities. A further purpose of the
26 STAR program is to provide employers with trained workers by
27 ensuring that the training provided is consistent with the needs
28 of employers. Unemployed or displaced railroad and railway
29 workers who are residents of the State shall be eligible to
30 participate in the program if they otherwise meet program
31 eligibility requirements.

32 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
33 preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

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40 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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44 This bill clarifies that unemployed and displaced railroad
45 and railway workers may participate in the STAR program. The
46 Department of Labor has enacted rules that bar their
47 participation, which is contrary to legislative intent and the
48 purpose of this program.