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In Senate, March 23, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

Joy J. O'Brien

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Senator MATTHEWS of Kennebec, Representative OLIVER of Portland and Representative McKEEN of Windham.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Increase the Family Allowance under the Unemployment Compensation Law.



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

3 **26 MRSA §1191, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 1983, c. 13, §5, is
5 further amended to read:

6. **Supplemental benefit for dependents.** An individual in
7 total or partial unemployment and otherwise eligible for benefits
9 shall be paid for each week day of that unemployment, in addition
11 to the amounts payable under subsections 2 and 3, the sum of \$5
13 for each unemancipated child of the individual who in any part of
15 the benefit year and during any part of the individual's period
17 of eligibility is, in fact, dependent upon and is being wholly or
19 mainly supported by the individual, and who is under the age of
21 18, or who is 18 years of age or over and incapable of earning
23 wages because of mental or physical incapacity, or who is a
25 full-time student as defined in Title 39, section 2, subsection
4, paragraph C, or who is in his that individual's custody
pending the adjudication of a petition filed by the individual
for the adoption of the child in a court of competent
jurisdiction and for each such child for whom he that individual
is under a decree or order from a court of competent jurisdiction
to contribute to that child's support and for whom no other
person is receiving allowances hereunder. In no instance may the
dependency benefits as provided in this subsection be more than
50% of the individual's weekly benefit amount.

27 The commission shall prescribe regulations as to who may receive
29 a dependency allowance when both ~~the husband and wife~~ spouses are
eligible to receive unemployment compensation benefits.

31 No individual may be eligible to receive dependency allowances as
33 provided in this subsection for any week during which his that
35 individual's spouse is employed full time provided that the
37 spouse is contributing some support to their dependent or
dependents. For purposes of this subsection, "employed full time"
means the receipt of any wages, earnings, salary or other income
equivalent to that amount which would be received for a 40-hour
work week.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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45 This bill increases the dependency benefits under the
Unemployment Compensation Act from \$5 per week for each child to
\$5 per day for each child.