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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Amend the Definition of Employment in the Unemployment Compensation Laws.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: Ž. Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1043, sub-§11, ¶F, as amended by PL 1987, c. 4 769, Pt. A, \$106, is further amended by amending the first line to read: б The term "employment" shall does not include: Ê. â Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §1043, sub-§11, ¶F, as amended by PL 1987, c. 10 769, Pt. A, §106, is further amended by amending sub-¶¶(2), (3), (6) and (19) to read: 12 Service performed in the employ of the United (2) 14 States Government or an instrumentality of the United States immune under the Constitution of the United 16 States from the contributions imposed by this chapter, except that on and after January 1, 1940 to the extent that the Congress of the United States has permitted 18 states to require any instrumentalities of the United 20 payments into an unemployment States to make unemployment compensation fund under ä state. 22 compensation or employment security law, all of the provisions of this chapter shall-be are applicable to 24 such instrumentalities and to services performed for such instrumentalities, in the same manner, to the same 26 extent and on the same terms as to all other employers, employing units, individuals and services. If this 28 State shall is not be certified for any year by the Secretary of Labor under section 3304 of the Federal 30 Internal Revenue Code, the payments required of such instrumentalities with respect to such year shall must 32 be refunded by the commissioner from the fund in the same manner and within the same period as is provided section 1225, subsection 5, with respect to 34 in contributions erroneously collected; 36 (3) respect which Service with to unemployment 38 compensation is payable under an unemployment compensation system or employment security system established by an Act of Congress. The commissioner is 40 authorized and directed to enter into agreements with 42 the proper agencies under such Act of Congress, which agreements shall become effective 10 days after

publication thereof in the manner provided in section 1082, subsection 2, for regulations, to provide reciprocal treatment to individuals who have, after acquiring potential rights to benefits under this chapter, acquired rights to unemployment compensation under such Act of Congress, or who have, after acquiring potential rights to unemployment compensation under such Act of Congress, acquired rights to benefits under this chapter;

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Page 1-LR1924(1) L.D.1040 (6) Service performed by an individual in the employ of his that individual's son, daughter or spouse, and service performed by a child under the age of 18 in the employ of his that child's father or mother;

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(19) Service performed by an individual fer-a-person as a real estate breker,-real-estate-salesman licensee, an insurance agent or as an insurance solicitor, if <u>substantially</u> all such the service is performed by-such individual---for---such---person---is---performed---for remuneration by way of commission or fee and is directly related to sales or other output rather than to the number of hours worked and the service performed by the individual is performed under a written contract that provides that the individual will not be treated as an employee with respect to the service for tax purposes.

Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §1043, sub-§11, \P F, as amended by PL 1987, c. 769, Pt. A, §106, is further amended by amending sub- $\P(21)$, division (b) to read:

> (b) Service performed by a duly ordained, commissioned or licensed minister of a church in the exercise of his a ministry or by a member of a religious order in the exercise of duties required by such order;

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill changes a definition within the employment definition section of the unemployment compensation law and brings the state law into conformity with federal law as to taxable services performed by a real estate licensee.

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