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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative CARROLL of Gray.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Promote Volunteer Emergency Medical Services through Changes to the Unemployment Laws.



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

2	Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1043, sub-§11, ¶F, as amended by PL 1987, c.
4	769, Pt. A, §106, is further amended by amending subparagraph (21), division (i) to read:
6	(21), division (1) to read:
8	(i) Prior to January 1, 1978, service performed in the employ of a school which that is not an institution of higher education; after December
10	31, 1977, service performed in the employ of a
12	governmental entity referred to in paragraph A-1, subparagraph (1) if such that service is performed by an individual in the exercise of duties:
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16	(i) As an elected official;
18	<pre>(ii) As a member of a legislative body, or a member of the judiciary, of a state or</pre>
20	political subdivision thereof of a state;
	(iii) As a member of the State National
22	Guard or Air National Guard;
24	(iv) As an employee serving on a temporary basis in case of fire, storm, snow,
2 6	earthquake, flood or similar emergency <u>or</u> <u>medical emergency</u> ; or
28	(v) In a position which that, under or
30	pursuant to the laws of this State, is designated as a major nontenured policymaking
32	or advisory position, or a policymaking or advisory position the performance of the
34	duties of which ordinarily does not require more than 8 hours per week;
36	Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §1043, sub-§17, ¶A, as amended by PL 1979, c.
38	515, §5, is further amended to read:
40	A. An individual, including corporate officers, shall-be- deemed is considered "totally unemployed" in any week with
42	respect to which me wages are <u>not</u> payable to him <u>the</u>
44	individual and during which he-performs - no the individual does not perform services, except that remuneration payable
46	or received as holiday pay shall <u>is</u> not be-deemed <u>considered</u> wages for the purpose of this subsection and except that any
#U	amounts received from the Federal Government by members of
48	the National Guard and organized reserve, including base pay and allowances, or any amounts received as a volunteer
50	and allowances, or any amounts received as a volunteer firefighter or a volunteer emergency medical
E 2	services person, shall are not be-deemed considered wages
52	for the purpose of this subsection.

2	Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §1191, sub-§3, as repealed and replaced by PL
	1987, c. 636, §1, is amended to read:
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	3. Weekly benefit for partial unemployment. Each eligible
6	individual who is partially unemployed in any week shall must be
	paid a partial benefit for that week. The partial benefit shall
8	be <u>is</u> equal to the weekly benefit amount less the individual's
	weekly earnings in excess of \$25. Any amount received from the
10	Federal Government by members of the National Guard and organized
	reserve, including base pay and allowances or any amounts
12	received as a volunteer fireman firefighter, as a volunteer
- 4	emergency medical services person or as elected members of the
14	Legislature, shall is not be considered wages for the purpose of
16	this subsection.
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10	STATEMENT OF FACT
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	This bill allows volunteer emergency medical services
22	persons to receive a stipend without jeopardizing their
	unemployment status, similar to the protection currently afforded
24	volunteer firefighters.