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S.P. 47

In Senate, January 19, 1993

Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of York

Cosponsored by Senator ESTY of Cumberland, Representative LIPMAN of Augusta and Representative RUHLIN of Brewer.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Amend the Dislocated Worker Benefits Program.

(EMERGENCY)

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

4 Whereas, there are declining reserves in the State's
6 unemployment compensation fund; and

8 Whereas, this decline will by current law require the
Dislocated Worker Benefits Program to end January 2, 1993; and

10 Whereas, this would displace approximately 400 dislocated
12 workers from retraining efforts; and

14 Whereas, this would be detrimental to those retraining
efforts and would cause severe economic and person hardship
16 affecting hundreds of citizens in the State if this provision
were not amended; and

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

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

26 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1196, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 1991, c. 472,
28 §1, is amended to read:

30 **4. Suspension of provisions due to the reserve multiple.**
This section; section 1043, subsection 5, paragraph B; and
32 section 1191, subsection 4, paragraph A are not in effect if the
reserve multiple determined under section 1221, subsection 4,
34 paragraph C is .245 or below, and remain ineffective until the
reserve multiple is determined to be above .245. This subsection
36 is not in effect from January 1, 1993 to June 26, 1993.

38 **Sec. 2. Retroactivity.** This Act applies retroactively to
January 1, 1993.

40 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
42 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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48 Because of declining reserves in the State's Unemployment
Compensation Fund, current law requires that the Dislocated

2 Worker Benefits Program end on January 2, 1993 and not be
effective for the remainder of 1993.

4 This bill allows for a temporary continuation of the
Dislocated Worker Benefits Program until June 30, 1993.