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House of Representatives, February 1, 1993

An Act to Clarify an Exemption in the Laws Governing Unemployment Compensation.

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative KUTASI of Bridgton. Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Township 27, BENNETT of Norway, CARLETON of Wells, HEINO of Boothbay, PLOURDE of Biddeford, PLOWMAN of Hampden.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1193, sub-§1, ¶A, as repealed and replaced by PL 1991, c. 560, §2, is amended to read:
6	A. For the week in which the claimant left regular employment voluntarily without good cause attributable to
8	that employment. The disqualification continues until the claimant has earned 4 times the claimant's weekly benefit
10	amount in employment by an employer. A claimant may not be disqualified under this paragraph if:
12	(1) The leaving was caused by the illness of
14	disability of the claimant or an immediate family member and the claimant took all reasonable precautions
16	to protect the claimant's employment status by promptly notifying the employer of the reasons for the absence
18	and by promptly requesting reemployment when again able to resume employment;
20	(2) The leaving was necessary to accompany, follow or
22	join the claimant's spouse in a new place of residence and the claimant can clearly show within 14 days of
24	arrival at the new place of residence an attachment to the new labor market, and the claimant is in all
26	respects able, available and actively seeking suitable work. This exclusion only applies if the claimant and
28	the claimant's spouse were legally married and maintaining a single residence before the spouse moved
30	to a new residence;
32	(3) The leaving was in good faith in order to accept new employment on a permanent full-time basis and the
34	new employment did not materialize for reasons attributable to the new employing unit; or
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	(4) The leaving was necessary to protect the claiman
38	from domestic abuse and the claimant made all reasonable efforts to preserve the employment.
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42	STATEMENT OF FACT
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This bill adds the requirement that a claimant for

unemployment compensation must be married and living with the claimant's spouse if the claimant left work to follow the

claimant's spouse to a new residence.

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