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An Act to Establish the Definition of Week for Purposes of Unemployment Compensation.

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CARON of Biddeford, CLARK of Millinocket, CLEMENT of Clinton, COFFMAN of Old Town, JOSEPH of Waterville, PINEAU of Jay, PINETTE of Fort Kent, PLOURDE of Biddeford, RUHLIN of Brewer, ST. ONGE of Greene, TRACY of Rome, YOUNG of Limestone, Senators: CONLEY of Cumberland, ESTY of Cumberland, HANDY of Androscoggin, LUTHER of Oxford, PARADIS of Aroostook. Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

6 mean the 7-day period from Sunday through Saturday; and

8 Whereas, some individuals had employment based on a different workweek; and

Whereas, this creates a hardship to those individuals when 12 they seek unemployment benefits; and

14 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of 16 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and 18 safety; now, therefore,

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

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Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1043, sub-§20 is amended to read:

24 20. Week. "Week" means such period or periods of 7 calendar days comprising the standard workweek or weekly payroll period of
26 a claimant's last employment or, if the claimant did not have a standard workweek, as the commission may by regulation rule
28 prescribe. The commission may, by regulation rule, prescribe that a week shall be deemed to be "in," "within" or "during" a benefit
30 year which that includes any part of such week.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

38 This bill changes the definition of week in the Employment Security Law so that benefits will be determined on the basis of 40 the standard workweek of a claimant's last employment. If there is no such standard week to refer to, the definition of week 42 established by the Unemployment Insurance Commission applies.

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