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In Senate, April 4, 1995

An Act to Conform State Unemployment Compensation Laws to Federal Requirements.

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

MAY M. ROSS

Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator RAND of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Senator: MILLS of Somerset, Representatives: HATCH of Skowhegan, PENDLETON of Scarborough.

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1192, sub-§12 is enacted to read:

12. Participation in reemployment services. The individual participates in reemployment services, if the individual was referred to those services pursuant to a profiling system established by the commissioner, unless it is determined that the individual has completed the services or there is good cause for the individual's failure to participate.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The federal unemployment compensation amendments of 1993 require states to establish a system of profiling new claimants for unemployment benefits. The purpose of this system is to identify which claimants will be likely to exhaust benefits and need job search assistance services, to refer such claimants to reemployment services and to collect follow-up information relating to these services and the employment outcomes. Part of the requirement in federal law is that state unemployment laws must be modified to make participation in reemployment services a condition of benefit eligibility for individuals profiled as likely to exhaust unemployment benefits and need job search assistance. This bill creates this new benefit eligibility requirement.