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No. 1724

S.P. 567

In Senate, April 1, 1997

An Act to Amend the Unemployment Insurance Laws.

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec.

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA $\S1192$, sub- $\S7$, \PA , as amended by PL 1977, c. 585, $\S2$, is further amended to read:

With respect to weeks of unemployment beginning after December 31, 1977, in an instructional, research administrative capacity for an educational institution, benefits shall may not be paid based on such services for any week of unemployment commencing during the period between 2 successive academic years or terms, or_ when an agreement provides instead for a similar period between 2 regular but not successive terms, during such a period, or during a period of paid sabbatical leave provided for in the individual's contract, to any individual if such that individual performs such services in the first of such academic years or terms, and if there is a contract or written reasonable assurance that individual will perform services in any such capacity for any educational institution in the 2nd of such academic years or terms. This paragraph does not prohibit benefits during the period between 2 successive academic years or terms for part-time faculty members of the University of Maine System;

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA $\S1192$, sub- $\S7$, \PB , as amended by PL 1983, c. 13, $\S7$, is further amended to read:

With respect to weeks of unemployment beginning after September 3, 1982, in any other capacity for an educational institution, benefits shall may not be paid on the basis of those services to any individual for any week which that commences during a period between 2 successive academic years or terms if the individual performs those services in the first of the academic years or terms and there is annual written reasonable assurance that the individual will perform the services in the 2nd of that those academic year years or terms; except that if benefits are denied to any individual under this paragraph and the individual was not offered an opportunity to perform the services for the educational institution for the 2nd of those academic years terms, the individual shall--be <u>is</u> entitled to a retroactive payment of benefits for each week for which the individual filed a timely claim for benefits and for which benefits were denied solely by reason of this paragraph. This paragraph does not prohibit benefits during the period between 2 successive academic years or terms for school bus drivers;

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This bill permits school bus drivers and part-time faculty members of the University of Maine System to receive unemployment benefits between school years or terms.