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H.P. 1642

House of Representatives, March 13, 1998

An Act to Permit Employees to Resume Receiving Unemployment Benefits in Certain Cases.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.
Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and
Representatives: BOLDUC of Auburn, CHIZMAR of Lisbon, CLARK of Millinocket,
HATCH of Skowhegan, SAMSON of Jay, STANLEY of Medway, Senator: MILLS of
Somerset.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: 2 Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1193, sub-§1, ¶A, as repealed and replaced by PL 1991, c. 560, §2, is amended to read: 4 For the week in which the claimant left regular 6 employment voluntarily without good cause attributable to The disqualification continues until the that employment. 8 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 The leaving (1)was caused by the illness 14 disability of the claimant or an immediate family member and the claimant took all reasonable precautions to protect the claimant's employment status by promptly 16 notifying the employer of the reasons for the absence 18 and by promptly requesting reemployment when again able to resume employment; 20 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; 28 The leaving was in good faith in order to accept 30 new employment on a permanent full-time basis and the employment did not new materialize for reasons 32 attributable to the new employing unit; or 34 (4)The leaving was necessary to protect the claimant from domestic abuse and the claimant made 36 reasonable efforts to preserve the employment; or 38 (5) The leaving occurred not later than 5 weeks after

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the claimant began work.

This bill provides that a person may not be disqualified from receiving unemployment compensation if that person leaves a job not later than 5 weeks after starting that job.