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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 139, L.D. 375, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Obligations of Direct Reimbursement Employers"

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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

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'Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1193, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1979, c. 651, §§46 and 47, is further amended to read:

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2. **Discharge for misconduct.** For the week in which he the claimant has been discharged for misconduct connected with his work, if so found by the deputy, and disqualification shall ~~continue~~ continues until the claimant has earned 4 times his the claimant's weekly benefit amount in employment by an employer. In addition, if the claimant was discharged for gross or aggravated misconduct, if so found by the deputy, the wages earned from that employer on or before the date of discharge are removed from the base period of any benefit year established under section 1192, subsection 5.

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A. For the duration of any period for which he the claimant has been suspended from his work by his the claimant's employer as discipline for misconduct, if so found by the deputy, or until the claimant has earned 4 times his the claimant's weekly benefit amount in employment by an employer.'

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The removal of certain wages from the base period of any benefit year in the calculation of unemployment compensation benefits is not expected to have a significant impact on the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

The State, as an employer, will not realize any appreciable savings in its unemployment compensation costs as a result of this change.'

SUMMARY

This amendment provides that wages earned during employment from which a person is discharged for gross or aggravated misconduct are removed from the employee's base period wages, which may cause a lower benefit or disqualification for receipt of benefits.