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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
121ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE AMENDMENT "**A**" to H.P. 92, L.D. 83, Bill, "An Act To Expand Unemployment Benefits"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, voluntary layoffs may ensure continued employment for others; and

Whereas, the present economy should allow for voluntary layoffs to occur immediately; and

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

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

HOUSE AMENDMENT

R. 015

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 92, L.D. 83

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

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SUMMARY

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This amendment adds an emergency preamble and an emergency
8 clause to the bill.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)

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SPONSORED BY: J. Clark
(Representative CLARK)

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TOWN: Millinocket

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121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review

LD 83

An Act to Expand Unemployment Benefits



LR 0176(03)

Fiscal Note for House Amendment " "

Sponsor: Rep. Clark

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Undetermined cost increase beginning in fiscal year 2002-03 - Other Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment will result in additional disbursements from the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund beginning in fiscal year 2002-03. The Department of Labor estimates the average weekly benefit to be \$215.14 and an average duration of 17.3 weeks. The total cost to the fund of this change will depend on the number of claimants who would be affected by the provisions in this amendment in fiscal year 2002-03.