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		L.D. 116				
2	DATE: 5-15-03	(Filing No. S-/68)				
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6	LABOR					
8	Reported by: Majority					
10	Reproduced and distributed under of the Senate.	the direction of the Secretary				
12	STATE OF	T MA TRIEF				
14	STATE OF MAINE SENATE 121ST LEGISLATURE					
16	FIRST REGUL	AR SESSION				
18	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to	S.P. 39, L.D. 116, Bill, "An Act				
20	To Require a Toll-free Telephone Number To Be Maintained by the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation"					
22	Amend the hill be stuibing	and the title and anhatituding				
24	the following:	out the title and substituting				
26	'Resolve, Directing the Depart Unemployment Compensation To Pa					
28	Telephone Number'					
30	Amend the bill by striking and before the summary and inserti	out everything after the title ng in its place the following:				
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34	Legislature do not become ef adjournment unless enacted as emer	-				
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38	Whereas, individuals in r	nemployment Compensation may be				
40	deterred from seeking that assi- toll telephone calls; and	stance by promibitive costs of				
42	Whereas, in the judgment o create an emergency within the	f the Legislature, these facts				
44	Maine and require the followinecessary for the preservation o	ng legislation as immediately				

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 39, L.D. 116

	Sec. 1. Toll-free telephone line. Resolved: That the Department
2	of Labor, Bureau of Unemployment Compensation shall provide a
	toll-free telephone line to provide information regarding filing
4	for, or receipt of, unemployment benefits and to enable persons
	to submit applications to the bureau for those benefits. This
6	requirement applies only if, and to the extent that, funds are
	allocated by law from distributions made to the State under
8	section 903(d) of the federal Social Security Act on March 13,
	2002, the so-called Reed Act Distribution of 2002; and be it
10	further.
12	Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the
12	following appropriations and allocations are made.
14	forflowing appropriacions and affocacions are made.
7.7	LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF
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	Employment Security Services 0245
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	Initiative: Allocates funds for the Bureau of Unemployment
20	Compensation to provide access to a toll-free telephone line to
	provide information and to file for unemployment benefits.
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	Federal Expenditures Fund 2003-04 2004-09
24	All Other \$413,702 \$413,702
26	Federal Expenditures Fund Total \$413,702 \$413,702
28	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the

SUMMARY

preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.'

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. It requires the Department of Labor, Bureau of Unemployment Compensation to provide a toll-free telephone line if, and to the extent that, funds are allocated for that purpose from the Reed Act Distribution of 2002. The line would allow persons to obtain information about unemployment benefits and to file for benefits. The amendment also adds an allocation section.

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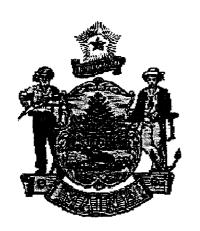
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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



121st Maine Legislature Office of Fiscal and Program Review

LD 116

An Act To Require a Toll-free Telephone Number To Be Maintained by the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation

LR 0027(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 4"/68

Committee: Labor
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2003-04	2004-05	Projections 2005-06	Projections 2006-07
Appropriations/Allocations				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$413,702	\$413,702	\$413,702	\$413,702

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes Federal Expenditures Funds allocations of \$413,702 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$413,702 in fiscal year 2004-05 for the Employment Security Services program within the Department of Labor for the costs associated with providing access to a toll-free telephone line to provide information and to submit applications for unemployment benefits. This legislation is contingent upon the Reed Act Distribution Funds of 2002 being allocated for this purpose.