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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 195, L.D. 240, Bill, "An Act to Ensure that Maine's Unemployment System is Responsive to the Needs of Today's Workforce"

Amend the amendment in section 1 in subsection 3 in paragraph A by inserting at the end a new blocked paragraph to read:

'This paragraph does not apply to a person who applies for benefits after September 30, 2005. This paragraph continues to apply to a person who applies for benefits on or before September 30, 2005 until that person has exhausted benefits payable under that application.'

SUMMARY

This amendment limits the application of the provision allowing unemployment benefits for persons seeking part-time work to persons who file applications for benefits before October 1, 2005.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)

SPONSORED BY:   
(Representative W. SMITH)

TOWN: Van Buren

HOUSE AMENDMENT

**121st Maine Legislature  
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**

**LD 240**

**An Act to Ensure that Maine's Unemployment System is Responsive to  
the Needs of Today's Workforce**

**LR 1502(04)**

**Fiscal Note for House Amendment " " to Committee Amendment "A"**

**Sponsor: Rep. Smith of Van Buren**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

**Fiscal Note**

	2003-04	2004-05	Projections 2005-06	Projections 2006-07
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Employment Security Trust Fund	\$0	\$0	(\$1,845,000)	(\$2,560,000)

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

This amendment reduces the cost to the Employment Security Trust Fund by \$1,845,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$2,560,000 in fiscal year 2006-07. As amended, this bill includes Other Fund allocations of \$2,280,000 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$2,320,000 in fiscal year 2004-05 to the Unemployment Compensation Benefit Account within the Department of Labor for the additional cost of providing unemployment benefits, through September 30, 2005, to persons who are not available for full-time work under certain circumstances.

The State, with a few exceptions, is a direct reimbursement employer and, as such, would experience some increase in unemployment compensation costs if these rules are implemented. However, there are relatively few part time state employees and the costs, when spread over all agencies, should be able to be absorbed.