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L.D. 561

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
121ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 424, L.D. 561, Bill, "An Act To Improve Standards for Public Assistance to Employers in the State"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 1 to 4 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6652, sub-§§4 and 5 are enacted to read:

4. Bankruptcy. A person who is a debtor in a bankruptcy proceeding pending in United States Bankruptcy Court at the time reimbursement would be paid is not eligible for reimbursement under this chapter.

5. Compliance and return-to-employment standards. In order to be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to this chapter, a claimant must:

A. Following the termination of any strike or lockout involving its employees, return to their former jobs all employees who wish to be returned to their former jobs; and

B. Comply with all federal, state and local laws.

The bureau may adopt routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to implement the provisions of this subsection. The bureau shall suspend or terminate reimbursement of a claimant if that claimant fails to comply with this subsection. The bureau shall implement this subsection using existing budgeted resources. A claimant that willfully violates a provision of this subsection shall reimburse the State for any reimbursement received during the reimbursement period in which the violation occurred plus a penalty equal to the amount of any reimbursement received during that reimbursement period in addition to any other penalty required by law.'

HOUSE AMENDMENT

HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 424, L.D.
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2 Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering
4 any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
consecutively.

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SUMMARY

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10 This amendment limits the application of the bill to the
12 program that provides reimbursement for taxes paid on certain
14 business property. It strikes provisions relating to payment of
a living wage and retirement and health benefits and requires the
Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of
Revenue Services to implement the law using existing budgeted
resources.

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SPONSORED BY: 
(Representative HUTTON)

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TOWN: Bowdoinham

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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

**LD 561**

An Act to Improve Standards for Public Assistance to Employers in the State

LR 1652(06)

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

Sponsor: Rep. Hutton

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2003-04	2004-05	Projections 2005-06	Projections 2006-07
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	(\$134,369)	(\$128,466)	(\$135,017)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	(\$134,369)	(\$128,466)	(\$135,017)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment eliminates a General Fund appropriation of \$66,770 in fiscal year 2004-05 for Maine Revenue Services for one Revenue Agent position and related costs to audit the affected businesses. It also requires Maine Revenue Services to implement the additional requirements utilizing existing budgeted resources.

This amendment also eliminates the General Fund appropriation of \$67,599 in fiscal year 2004-05 for one Development Project Officer position and related all other costs associated with the Department of Economic and Community Development enforcing the certification of the wage and benefit requirements.