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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 711, L.D. 954, Bill, "An Act To Require Disclosure of the Amount and Duration of Unemployment Benefits to Recipients"

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 10 and inserting in its place the following:

'10. Estimated benefit. Upon inquiry from an individual, the Department of Labor shall provide an estimate of the amount and duration of benefits likely to be paid to that individual under this chapter if the individual applied for benefits that day. If the inquiry is made within 2 weeks before the beginning of a calendar quarter, the Department of Labor shall also provide an estimate of the duration and amount of benefits likely to be paid to that individual if the individual applied for benefits after the beginning of that calendar quarter. Inquiries under this subsection may be made and answered over the telephone and are not considered applications for benefits.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment provides that the information given by the Department of Labor to a person who inquires about unemployment compensation benefits is an estimate, not an actual calculation of benefits. It clarifies that an inquiry is not considered an application for benefits. It also provides that the estimate is for benefits that would be paid if the individual applied on the day of the inquiry. If the inquiry is made within 2 weeks before the beginning of a calendar quarter, the department must also

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2 give an estimate for benefits that would be paid if the  
individual applied after the beginning of that calendar quarter.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)

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Unemployment Benefits to Recipients**

**LR 0372(02)**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "**

**Committee: Labor**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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**Fiscal Note**

Minor cost increase - General Fund