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# 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 712

House of Representatives, February 25, 2003

**An Act To Allow Recipients To Withdraw from Receiving  
Unemployment Benefits by Phone and at Any Time before  
Receiving Benefits**

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Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative JACKSON of Fort Kent.  
Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and  
Representatives: HATCH of Skowhegan, HEIDRICH of Oxford, HUTTON of Bowdoinham,  
NUTTING of Oakland, PATRICK of Rumford, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SMITH of Van  
Buren, WATSON of Bath.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1194, sub-§13** is enacted to read:

6 **13. Voluntary withdrawal.** A claimant who has filed a claim  
8 for benefits under this section may voluntarily withdraw that  
10 claim at any time before receiving the benefits. The  
12 commissioner shall treat a claimant who has withdrawn a claim  
14 under this subsection as not having filed the claim. A claimant  
16 may withdraw a claim under this subsection by way of telephone.

### 14 SUMMARY

16 This bill allows a claimant for unemployment benefits to  
18 withdraw the claim at any time before receiving benefits and by  
telephone. This bill requires the Department of Labor to treat a  
claimant who has withdrawn a claim as not having filed the claim.