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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE AMENDMENT "**C**" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 233, L.D. 309, Bill, "An Act To Remove the Sunset on Part-time Unemployment Insurance Benefits"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Amend the Sunset on Part-time Unemployment Insurance Benefits'

Further amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

'Further amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph A by striking out all of the blocked paragraph (page 1, lines 27 to 31 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'This paragraph does not apply to a person who applies for benefits after September 30, ~~2005~~ 2007. This paragraph continues to apply to a person who applies for benefits on or before September 30, ~~2005~~ 2007 until that person has exhausted benefits payable under that application.'

Further amend the amendment in the first line after the title (page 1, line 23 in amendment) by striking out the following: "Amend" and inserting in its place the following: 'Further amend'

SUMMARY

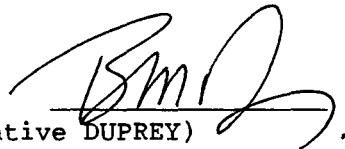
The bill, as amended by Committee Amendment "A," removes the sunset on the expansion of unemployment benefit eligibility to

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2 workers who have a primary history of part-time work, who are
laid off and are only able and available for comparable part-time
4 work. This amendment instead retains the sunset but changes the
sunset date from September 30, 2005 to September 30, 2007.

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SPONSORED BY: 
(Representative DUPREY)

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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LD 309

LR 0581(04)

An Act To Remove the Sunset on Part-time Unemployment Insurance Benefits

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

Sponsor: Rep. Duprey

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Undetermined future biennium cost decrease - All Funds

Undetermined future biennium revenue decrease - Other Funds

	2005-06	2006-07	Projections 2007-08	Projections 2008-09
Appropriations/Allocations				
Employment Security Trust Fund	\$0	\$0	(\$2,771,000)	(\$3,526,000)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment decreases the future cost to the Unemployment Compensation Benefit Account within the Department of Labor by \$2,771,000 in fiscal year 2007-08 and \$3,526,000 in fiscal year 2008-09.

This bill, as amended, includes Other Fund allocations of \$2,016,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$3,326,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 to the Unemployment Compensation Account within the Department of Labor for the additional cost of continuing to provide unemployment benefits to persons who are not available for full-time work under certain circumstances until September 30, 2007.

This bill, as amended, will not impact the unemployment contributions schedule based on projections developed using the Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission Forecast of October 2004. The State and all other direct reimbursement employers will be required to repay the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund for additional benefit payments in the current biennium.