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L.D. 309

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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

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

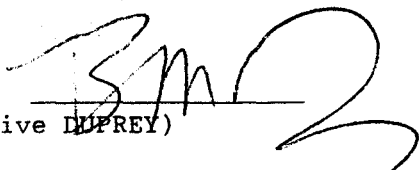
'An Act To Amend the Sunset on Part-time Unemployment Insurance Benefits'

Further amend the 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.'

SUMMARY

The bill removes the sunset on the expansion of unemployment benefit eligibility to workers who have a primary history of part-time work, who are laid off and who are able and available only for comparable part-time work. This amendment instead retains the sunset but changes the sunset date from September 30, 2005 to September 30, 2007.

SPONSORED BY: 
(Representative DUPREY)

TOWN: Hampden

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

HOUSE AMENDMENT



122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 309

LR 0581(10)

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

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "B"

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.

The bill, as amended, will increase benefits paid from the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund by \$2,016,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$3,326,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 for the additional costs of continuing to provide unemployment benefits to persons who are not available for full-time work under certain circumstances until September 30, 2007.

The 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.