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An Act To Improve the Maine Enterprise Option Program

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 28, 2005. Referred to the Committee on Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1197, sub-§4, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1993, c.
710, §2, is amended to read:

6 B. A self-employment assistance allowance is payable to an
7 individual at the same interval, on the same terms and
8 subject to the same conditions as regular benefits except
that:

10 (1) The requirements of section 1192, subsection 3
11 relating to availability for work and active search for
12 work are not applicable to the individual;

14 (2) The requirements of section 1193, subsection 3
15 relating to refusal to accept work are not applicable
16 to the individual;

18 (3) The requirements of section 1191, subsection 3 and
19 section 1043, subsection 17 relating to self-employment
20 income are not applicable to the individual;

22 (4) An individual is considered unemployed for the
23 purposes of section 1192; and

26 (5) An individual who fails to participate in
27 self-employment assistance activities or who fails to
28 actively engage on a full-time basis in activities,
29 which may include training, related to establishing a
30 business and becoming self-employed is denied benefits
for the week the failure occurs; and

32 (6) The self-employment assistance allowance may not
33 be reduced by per diem compensation paid to an
34 individual for work related to establishing a business
35 and performance of self-employment assistance
36 activities.

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40 **SUMMARY**

42 This bill amends the Maine Enterprise Option program to
43 allow an individual to receive per diem compensation for work
44 related to establishing a business and performance of
45 self-employment assistance activities without experiencing a
46 reduction in the self-employment assistance allowance.