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L.D. 1015

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

123RD LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 332, L.D. 1015, Bill, "An Act To
10 Amend the Unemployment Laws"

11 Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph F in subparagraph (6) in the last line (page 2,
12 line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "is" and inserting the following:
13 'contributions are'

SUMMARY

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15 This amendment adds the word "contributions" to clarify what does not constitute
16 "employment" under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 1043, subsection 11,
17 paragraph F, subparagraph (6).

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See Attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1015

LR 183(02)

An Act To Amend the Unemployment Laws

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

Committee: Labor

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Undetermined current biennium cost increase - Other Funds
Undetermined current biennium revenue increase - Other Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Allowing individuals who are employed by their spouse or child, or individuals under the age of 18 who are employed by a parent, to receive unemployment compensation if the employer voluntarily elects to make unemployment contributions for these individuals will result in additional unemployment benefits being paid out that will be partially offset by an increase in unemployment contributions. The amount cannot be determined at this time and will depend on the number of individuals who qualify for this provision. Information provided by the Department of Labor indicates that the average weekly benefit amount in 2006 was \$239.48 and the average duration of unemployment compensation was 14.1 weeks for a total average benefit per individual claimant of \$3,376.67. The 2007 average unemployment contribution rate at the \$12,000 taxable wage base is 1.8%, or \$216.00. The minimum contribution rate is 0.54%, or \$64.80 and the maximum rate is 5.40%, or \$648.00.