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L.D. 1345

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Minority
LABOR

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
123RD LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 954, L.D. 1345, Bill, "An Act To Simplify Standards for Determining Independent Contractor Status for Unemployment Compensation Purposes"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF
Employment Security Services 0245

Initiative: Provides funds for one Hearings Officer position, 2 Legal Secretary positions, one Paralegal position, one Assistant Attorney General position and 6 Field Advisor and Examiner positions to support the additional qualifying, tracking, administrative and adjudicating requirements associated with determining that the status of an individual worker, group of workers or job classification is that of an employee or independent contractor.

GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$452,306	\$633,229
All Other	\$200,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$652,306	\$633,229

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1345

LR 1991(02)

An Act To Simplify Standards for Determining Independent Contractor Status for Unemployment Compensation Purposes

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

Committee: Labor

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Undetermined current biennium savings - Federal Expenditures Fund

	2007-08	2008-09	Projections 2009-10	Projections 2010-11
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$652,306	\$633,229	\$664,891	\$698,135
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$652,306	\$633,229	\$664,891	\$698,135

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$652,306 in fiscal year 2007-08 and \$633,229 in fiscal year 2008-09 to the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation within the Department of Labor for 1 Hearings Officer position, 2 Legal Secretary positions, 1 Paralegal position, 1 Assistant Attorney General position and 6 Field Advisor and Examiner positions and related all other to support the additional qualifying, tracking, administrative and adjudicating requirements associated with determining that the status of an individual worker, group of workers or job classification is that of an employee or independent contractor.

Amending the definition of "independent contractor" under the laws governing unemployment compensation to make it consistent with the term used under laws governing workers' compensation may result in fewer "independent contractors" being eligible for unemployment benefits. The number of independent contractors that may be impacted and the affect on the contribution rate schedules or Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund level can not be determined at this time.