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L.D. 1770

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
128TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 657, L.D. 1770, Bill, "An Act To Revise Laws Regarding Unemployment That Were Amended or Affected by Recently Enacted Legislation"

Amend the amendment in section 2 in subsection 1-B in the 4th to 6th lines (page 2, lines 1 to 3 in amendment) by striking out the following: "using a telephone system that allows a claimant to leave a message or request a return telephone call"

Amend the amendment in section 2 in subsection 1-C in the 2nd and 3rd lines (page 2, lines 7 and 8 in amendment) by striking out the following: "which allows a claimant to leave a message by telephone or request a return telephone call"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 9 and 10.

SUMMARY

This amendment removes the requirement in Committee Amendment "A" that the telephone system maintained by the Department of Labor allow a claimant to leave a message or request a return telephone call. It also removes a provision in Committee Amendment "A" that authorizes an allocation of funds in the Unemployment Trust Fund.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

SPONSORED BY: Amy F. Volk
(Senator VOLK)

COUNTY: Cumberland

SENATE AMENDMENT



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1770

LR 2641(05)

An Act To Revise Laws Regarding Unemployment That Were Amended or Affected by Recently Enacted Legislation

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Sen. Volk of Cumberland

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Appropriations/Allocations				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	(\$812,301)	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	(\$895,156)	\$0	\$0
Other Funds	\$0	\$895,156	\$0	\$0
Transfers				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$82,855	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$82,855)	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment removes the requirement that a voice mail option be included as part of the alternative filing methods to an Internet-based system for the filing of unemployment claims. As a result, this amendment eliminates the one-time \$895,156 cost of this provision that was to be paid from an unspent portion of the 2009 Reed Act funds, including funding for 11 limited period Customer Representative Specialist - Benefits positions and the cost of the Interactive Voice Response System.

This amendment also eliminates the transfer for \$82,855 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Department of Labor, Office of the Commissioner's Special Revenue Funds account to cover its share of the department's associated indirect costs in accordance with the federally approved indirect cost plan.

As amended, this legislation still requires the department to immediately fill certain vacant positions for which funding is available, including Customer Representative Associate, Customer Representative Specialists, Claims Adjudicator, Hearings Examiner, Labor Program Specialist and Field Advisor and Examiner.