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L.D. 1770

Date: 4/13/2018

(Filing No. S-474)

**LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" 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 bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1194, sub-§1-B is enacted to read:

1-B. Alternative filing. The department shall provide an alternative to an Internet-based system for filing claims for benefits, including filing of work search documentation, and for obtaining information. The alternative under this subsection must include a method such as filing or obtaining information by a telephone system or in person.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the minority report, adds to the bill a requirement that the Department of Labor provide an alternative method to an Internet-based system for filing of unemployment claims and work search documentation and obtaining information. The alternative must include a method such as a telephone system or in person.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1770

LR 2641(03)

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

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *B* (S-474)  
Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development  
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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## Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - Federal Expenditures Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Changes made in this legislation regarding how benefits paid to an eligible individual under the Employment Security Law are charged against the experience rating record of the individual's previous employers will have no fiscal impact on the Unemployment Trust Fund or the employer contribution rate schedule currently in effect. However, the Department of Labor will incur one-time Federal Expenditures Fund costs of approximately \$900,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 to make the necessary programming updates in order to implement the change. The Department has indicated that it has federal funds available for this purpose.

Additional costs to the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation within the Department of Labor to provide the required alternate option to the web-based system for filing initial and continuing claims for unemployment benefits, including such options as telephone or in-person can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.