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H. P. 1422

House of Representatives, February 9, 1939.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Poulin of Waterville.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-NINE

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AN ACT Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law Relating to  
Waiting Periods.

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

**P. L., 1935, c. 192, § 4, amended.** Section 4 of chapter 192 of the public laws of 1935 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**‘Sec. 4. Benefit eligibility conditions.** An unemployed individual shall be eligible to receive benefits with respect to any week only if the commission finds that:

(a) He has registered for work at and thereafter has continued to report at an employment office in accordance with such regulations as the commission may prescribe.

(b) He has made a claim for benefits in accordance with the provisions of section 6 (a) of this act.

(c) He is able to work, and is available for work.

(d) Prior to any week for which he claims benefits he has been totally unemployed for a waiting period of ~~2~~ 1 weeks (and for the purposes of this subsection, 2 weeks of partial unemployment shall be deemed to be equivalent to 1 week of total unemployment). Such weeks of total or partial unemployment or both need not be consecutive. No week shall be

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counted as a week of total unemployment for the purposes of this subsection;—

(1) If benefits have been paid with respect thereto;

(2) Unless the individual was eligible for benefits with respect thereto in all respects except for the requirements of subsections (b) and (e) of this section;

(3) Unless it occurs within the 13 consecutive weeks preceding the week for which he claims benefits, provided that this condition shall not interrupt the payment of benefits for consecutive weeks of unemployment nor require any individual who, prior to the 1st day of his benefit year, shall have accumulated such ~~2~~ 1 waiting period weeks, to accumulate more than ~~3~~ 1 additional waiting period weeks during his ensuing benefit year;

(4) Unless it occurs after benefits first could become payable to any individual under this act.

(e) He has within the 1st ~~4~~ 3 out of the last ~~5~~ 4 completed calendar quarters immediately preceding the 1st day of his benefit year, earned wages for employment by employers equal to not less than 16 times his weekly benefit amount.'