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House of Representatives, February 8, 1945.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Brown of Unity.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

**AN ACT Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Charges
Against Employers' Experience Rating Records.**

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

R. S., c. 24, § 7, sub-§ (c), ¶ (1), amended. Paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of section 7 of chapter 24 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'(1) The commission shall maintain a separate "experience rating record" for each employer, and shall credit his "experience rating record" with all the contributions which he has paid on his own behalf. But nothing in this act shall be construed to grant any employer or individuals in his service prior claims or rights to the amounts paid by him into the fund. Benefits paid to an eligible individual under the provisions of the Maine Unemployment Compensation Law shall be charged against the "experience rating record" of his employers in his base period in the inverse chronological order in which such individual was employed by such employers, but the maximum amount so charged against the "experience rating record" of any employer shall not exceed, to the nearest dollar, that proportion of 16 times the individual's weekly benefit amount, which his earnings in the base period for that employer bears to his total earnings for all employers in the same base period. The commission shall by general rules prescribe the

manner in which benefits shall be charged against the "experience rating records" of several employers for whom an individual performed employment during the same calendar quarter.

Provided, however, that benefits paid for unemployment occurring on and after April 1, 1945, shall be charged against the "experience rating record" of the claimant's most recent subject employer; except that no charge shall be made to an individual employer but shall be made to the general fund if the commission finds that:

(a) Claimant's separation from his last employer was for misconduct in connection with his employment, or was voluntary without good cause attributable to such employer; or

(b) Claimant has refused to accept reemployment in suitable work when offered by his last employer, without good cause attributable to such employer; or

(c) Claimant's benefits are based, in whole or in part, on "frozen credits" under subsections (1) and (2) of section 19 (p) of the Unemployment Compensation Law; or

(d) Benefits paid are not chargeable against any employer's experience rating record in accordance with section 6 (b).'