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NINETY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 1248 House of Representatives, February 14, 1945. On motion of Mr. Poulin of Rumford tabled pending reference and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Snow of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE

AN ACT Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Reciprocal Benefit Arrangements.

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

- R. S., c. 24, § 11, sub-§ (1), repealed and replaced. Subsection (1) of section 11 of chapter 24 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:
- thorized to enter into arrangements with the appropriate agencies of other states or the federal government whereby potential rights of individuals to benefits accumulated under the unemployment compensation laws of several states or under such law of the federal government, or both, may constitute the basis for the payment of benefits to such individuals through a single appropriate agency under terms which the commission finds will be fair and reasonable as to all affected interests and will not result in any substantial loss to the fund, and the commission is authorized to reimburse such state or federal agency for such benefits as may be paid by that agency upon the basis of wages received in employment subject to this chapter or to receive from such state or federal agency such amounts as may be paid from the fund upon the basis of wages received in employment subject to the laws of such state or of the federal government. Any

reimbursement made in accordance with this section shall be charged against the accounts of the employers whose accounts would have been charged if such benefits had been paid directly by the commission.

The commission also is authorized to enter into reciprocal agreements with the appropriate agencies of other states or the federal government adjusting the collection and payment of contributions by employers with respect to services of individuals not performed wholly within the jurisdiction of this state whereby such services may be agreed upon to be considered for all purposes, if the commission so desires, as wholly within, or wholly without, the jurisdiction of this state, notwithstanding any provisions of paragraph 19 (g) of the chapter.

The commission is authorized to make such investigations, secure and transmit such information, make available such services and facilities and exercise such of the other powers provided herein with respect to the administration of this chapter as it deems necessary or appropriate to facilitate the administration of any unemployment compensation or public employment service law, and in like manner, to accept and utilize information, services and facilities made available to this state by any agency charged with the administration of any such other unemployment compensation or public employment service law. To the extent permissible under the laws and constitution of the United States, the unemployment compensation commission is authorized to enter into or cooperate in arrangements whereby facilities and services provided under the chapter and facilities and services provided under the unemployment compensation law of any foreign government, may be utilized for the taking of claims and the payment of benefits under this chapter, or under a similar law of such government.'