

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1627

H. P. 2127

House of Representatives, February 6, 1950

On motion of Mr. Paine of Portland, received out of order under suspension of the rules, referred to the Committee on Federal Relations. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Paine of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY

AN ACT Relating to Payment of Benefits Under Employment Security Law.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, because of the increase in unemployment, many more people are being paid unemployment benefits; and

Whereas, because of the high cost of living, such benefits are inadequate; and

Whereas, it is vitally essential to the welfare of both the citizens of Maine and the state itself that such benefits be sufficient to adequately provide for the necessities of life; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

R. S., c. 24, § 13, sub-§ II, amended. Subsection II of section 13 of chapter 24 of the revised statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 430 of the public laws of 1949, is hereby amended to read as follows:

II. Weekly benefit amount for total unemployment. On and after ~~September 1, 1949~~ April 2, 1950, each eligible individual who is totally unemployed in any week shall be paid with respect to such week, benefits at the rate shown in column (C) of the schedule below on the line on which in column (A) there is indicated the individual's wage class and such rate shall be the individual's weekly benefit amount; and the maximum total amount of benefits payable to any eligible individual during any benefit year shall be the amount listed in column (D). The individual's wage class shall be determined by the total amount of wages paid to him for insured work, during his base period as shown in column (B).

Column A	Column B		Column C	Column D
1.	\$ 0	up to \$ 299.99	None	None
2.	300.00	" "	\$ 6.00	\$120.00
3.	400.00	" "	7.00	140.00
4.	500.00	" "	8.00	160.00
5.	600.00	" "	9.00	180.00
6.	700.00	" "	10.00	200.00
7.	800.00	" "	11.00	220.00
8.	900.00	" "	12.00	240.00
9.	1000.00	" "	13.00	260.00
10.	1100.00	" "	14.00	280.00
11.	1200.00	" "	15.00	300.00
12.	1300.00	" "	16.00	320.00
13.	1425.00	" "	17.00	340.00
14.	1550.00	" "	18.00	360.00
15.	1750.00	" "	19.00	380.00
16.	1950.00	" "	20.00	400.00
17.	2150.00	" "	21.00	420.00
18.	2350.00	" "	22.00	440.00
19.	2550.00	" "	23.00	460.00
20.	2750.00	" "	24.00	480.00
21.	2950.00 and over		25.00	500.00

Column A	Column B		Column C	Column D
1.	\$ 0	up to \$ 299.99	None	None
2.	300.00	" "	\$ 7.00	\$140.00
3.	400.00	" "	8.00	160.00
4.	500.00	" "	9.00	180.00
5.	600.00	" "	10.00	200.00
6.	700.00	" "	11.00	220.00

Column A	Column B		Column C	Column D	
7.	800.00	up to	899.99	12.00	240.00
8.	900.00	“ “	999.99	13.00	260.00
9.	1000.00	“ “	1099.99	14.50	290.00
10.	1100.00	“ “	1199.99	15.50	310.00
11.	1200.00	“ “	1299.99	16.50	330.00
12.	1300.00	“ “	1424.99	17.50	350.00
13.	1425.00	“ “	1549.99	19.00	380.00
14.	1550.00	“ “	1749.99	20.00	400.00
15.	1750.00	“ “	1999.99	21.00	420.00
16.	2000.00	“ “	2249.99	22.00	440.00
17.	2250.00	“ “	2499.99	23.00	460.00
18.	2500.00	“ “	2949.99	24.00	480.00
19.	2950.00	and over		25.00	500.00

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.