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NINETY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, January 15, 1953.

Referred to Committee on Labor. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Reid of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Definition of "Base Period" Under Employment Security Law.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, under federal programs unemployment compensation amounts to \$26 per week and under our state program the compensation is \$25 per week; and

Whereas, under the federal program the compensation is reduced by the amount paid by a state program and therefore any Maine veteran would be entitled to only \$1 per week; and

Whereas, the people of Maine recognize the fact that all they own and all the privileges which they continue to enjoy, they owe to those who have defended them on the field of battle; and

Whereas, Maine veterans should not be penalized by the inconsistency that exists between the state and federal programs of unemployment compensation; 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- R. S., c. 24, § 3, sub-§ III, repealed and replaced. Subsection III of section 3 of chapter 24 of the revised statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 430 of the public laws of 1949, and as amended, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:
 - 'III. "Base period" means the calendar year immediately preceding any benefit year.'

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