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No. 1246

H. P. 878

House of Representatives, March 13, 1957

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hendsbee of Madison.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Weekly Benefits for Total Unemployment Under Employment Security Law.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, economic insecurity due to unemployment is a serious menace to the health, welfare and morals of the people of the State of Maine; and

Whereas, involuntary unemployment is a subject of general interest and concern; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that the following legislation be effective April 1, 1957 to lighten the burden which falls so heavily upon the unemployed worker and his family; 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R. S., c. 29, § 13, sub-§ II, repealed and replaced. Subsection II of section 13 of chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 367 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

¶II. Weekly benefit amount for total unemployment. On and after April 1, 1957, each eligible individual who is totally unemployed in any week shall be paid with respect to such work, benefits at the rate shown in column (C) of the schedule below on the line on which in column (A) there is indicated the indi-

vidual'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	\$ 0.00 up to \$ 299.99	None	None
2	300.00 up to 349.99	\$ 6.00	\$ 156.00
3	350.00 up to 399.99	7.00	182.00
4	400.00 up to 449.99	9.00	234.00
5	450.00 up to 649.99	11.00	286.00
6	650.00 up to 799.99	12.00	312.00
7	800.00 up to 949.99	14.00	364.00
8	950.00 up to 1099.99	16.00	416.00
9	1100.00 up to 1249.99	18.00	468.00
10	1250.00 up to 1399.99	20.00	520.00
11	1400.00 up to 1549.99	22.00	572.00
12	1550.00 up to 1699.99	24.00	598.00
13	1700.00 up to 1849.99	26.00	650.00
14	1850.00 up to 1999.99	28.00	702.00
15	2000.00 up to 2149.99	30.00	754.00
16	2150.00 up to 2299.99	32.00	806.00
17	2300.00 up to 2449.99	34.00	858.00
18	2450.00 up to 2599.99	36.00	910.00
19	2600.00 up to 2749.99	38.00	962.00
20	2750.00 up to 2899.99	40.00	1014.00
21	2900.00 and over	42.00	1066.00'

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