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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Letourneau of Sanford.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-EIGHT

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

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**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 immediately 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, § 3, sub-§ III, amended.** Subsection III of section 3 of chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

**III.** "Base period" means **either of the 2 calendar year years** immediately preceding any benefit year, **whichever calendar year would provide the greater benefits, provided that the total amount of wages paid for insured work during each of the aforesaid calendar years shall be not less than \$300; except that**

**this restriction shall not be applied when, during the calendar year immediately preceding the benefit year, the employee has insured wages of at least \$300.'**

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