

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 17**

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H. P. 8

House of Representatives, January 14, 1959.

Referred to Committee on Labor. Sent up for concurrence and 750 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Couture of Lewiston.

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

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Relating to Weekly Benefits for Total Unemployment 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,

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 29, § 13, sub-§ II, amended.** Subsection II of section 13 of chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 367 of the public laws of 1955 and by chapter 341 of the public laws of 1957, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read as follows:

**‘Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, each eligible individual who, between January 1, 1959 and April 1, 1959 has exhausted the benefits under this section, shall receive no more than 13 additional weekly benefit amounts,**

**provided such additional weekly benefit amounts shall not extend beyond April 1, 1959.'**

**Sec. 2. Effective date.** This act shall be retroactive to January 1, 1959.

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