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H. P. 299 House of Representatives, February 4, 1959.
Referred to Committee on Labor. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Jacques of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

AN ACT Eliminating Waiting Period for Benefits Under Employment Security Law.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 29, § 14, sub-§ IV, repealed. Subsection IV of section 14 of chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 5 of chapter 421 of the public laws of 1955 and by section 11 of chapter 381 of the public laws of 1957, is repealed.

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 29, § 15, sub-§ I, amended. Subsection I of section 15 of chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 376 of the public laws of 1955 and as amended by chapter 345 of the public laws of 1957, is further amended to read as follows:

'I. For the period of unemployment subsequent to his having left his regular employment voluntarily and without good cause attributable to such employment, or with respect to a female claimant who has voluntarily left work to marry, or to perform the customary duties of a housewife, or to leave the locale to live with her husband, or to a claimant who has voluntarily removed himself from the labor market where presently employed to an area where employment opportunity is less frequent, if so found by the commission, for not less than 7 nor more than 14 weeks ~~in addition to the waiting period of one week,~~ and his maximum benefit amount shall be reduced by an amount equivalent to the number of such weeks of disqualification times his weekly benefit. A separation shall not be considered to be voluntary without good cause when it was caused by the illness or disability of the claimant and the claimant took all reasonable precautions to protect his employment status by having promptly notified his employer as to the reasons for his absence and

by promptly requesting reemployment when he was again able to resume employment;'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 29, § 15, sub-§ II, amended. Subsection II of section 15 of chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 376 of the public laws of 1955, is further amended to read as follows:

'II. For the week in which he has been discharged for misconduct connected with his work, if so found by the commission, and for not less than 7 nor more than 14 weeks ~~in addition to the waiting period of one week~~ which immediately follow such discharge, and his maximum benefit amount shall be reduced by an amount equivalent to the number of such weeks of disqualification times his weekly benefit amount;'