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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Desmarais of Sanford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Waiting Period 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-§ III, amended. Subsection III of section 14 of chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 4 of chapter 421 of the public laws of 1955 and as amended by chapter 396 of the public laws of 1957, is further amended to read as follows :

‘III. He is able to work and is available for work at his usual or customary trade, occupation, profession or business or in such other trade, occupation, profession or business as his prior training or experience shows him to be fitted or qualified; and in addition to having complied with the provisions of subsection II is himself making a reasonable effort to seek such work. An individual shall be ineligible to receive benefits for any week which is recognized as a vacation week for his grade, class or shift at the factory, mill, workshop or other premises where he is employed; except that an individual who is not entitled to pay for any such vacation week may qualify for benefits ~~or credit for his waiting period~~ if he is available for work and complies with the other conditions of eligibility; but no claimant shall be considered ineligible in any week of unemployment for failure to comply with this subsection if such failure is due to an illness or disability which occurs after he has registered for work and no work which would have been considered suitable at the time of his registration has been offered to him after the beginning of such illness or disability. The claimant shall furnish satisfactory evidence of such illness or disability in such form as the commission shall prescribe.

A female claimant shall be ineligible to receive benefits ~~or waiting period credit~~ for any week wholly or partly within the 8 weeks immediately prior to the expected date of such individual's giving birth to a child and within the 4 weeks after the actual birth of her child;'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 29, § 14, sub-§ IV, repealed.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 as amended by section 11 of chapter 381 of the public laws of 1957, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 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. 4. 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;'