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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1073**

H. P. 755

House of Representatives, March 4, 1959

Referred to the Committee on Labor, sent up for concurrence and 750 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Haughn of Bridgton.

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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 Disqualification of Benefits Under  
Employment Security Law.**

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

**R. S., c. 29, § 15, sub-§§ I, II, III, repealed and replaced.** Subsection I, II and III of section 15 of chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, are repealed and the following subsections enacted in place thereof:

**I.** For the week in which he has left work voluntarily without good cause, if so found by the commission, and for not less than the one nor more than the 6 weeks which immediately follow such week, in addition to the waiting period, as determined by the commission according to the circumstances in each case. 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.

**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 the one nor more than the 12 weeks which immediately follow such week, in addition to the waiting period, as determined by the commission in each case according to the seriousness of the misconduct.

**III.** If he has refused to accept an offer of work for which he is reasonably fitted, or has refused to accept a referral to a job opportunity when directed

to do so by a local employment office of this State or another state, and the disqualification shall begin with the week in which the refusal occurred and shall continue for not less than the one nor more than the 6 weeks which immediately follow such week, in addition to the waiting period, as determined by the commission according to the circumstances in each case.'