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Chapter 375

AN ACT Changing Name of Madawaska Training School to Fort Kent State Normal School.

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

R. S., c. 41, § 223, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 223 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The Farmington State Teachers' College at Farmington, the Gorham State Teachers' College at Gorham, the Washington State Teachers' College at Machias, the ~~Madawaska training school~~ Fort Kent State Normal School at Fort Kent and the Aroostook State Teachers' College at Presque Isle shall be conducted for the purposes and upon the principles herein set forth.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 376

AN ACT Amending the Maine Employment Security Law as to Disqualifications for Benefits.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 29, § 15, sub-§ I, repealed and replaced. Subsection I of section 15 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

I. For the period of unemployment next ensuing after he had left his employment voluntarily 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.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 29, § 15, sub-§ II, amended. Subsection II of section 15 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes is hereby 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 the 7 nor more than the 9 weeks which immediately follow such week~~ for not less than 7 nor more than 14 weeks in addition to the waiting period of one week which immediately follow such discharge, ~~in addition to the waiting period, as determined by the Commission in each case according to the seriousness of the misconduct~~ 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.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 29, § 15, sub-§ III, 1st ¶, repealed and replaced. The first paragraph of subsection III of section 15 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'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 the duration of the period of unemployment during which such refusal occurred.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 29, § 15, sub-§ VII, additional. Section 15 of chapter 29 is amended by adding a new subsection VII to read as follows:

'VII. For the period of unemployment next ensuing with respect to which he was discharged for conviction of felony or misdemeanor in connection with his work. The ineligibility of such individual shall continue for all weeks subsequent until such individual has thereafter earned not less than \$300 in employment.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 377

AN ACT Relating to Weekly Benefit for Partial Unemployment Under Employment Security Law.

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 April 1, 1955 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, § 13, sub-§ III, repealed and replaced. Subsection III of section 13 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'III. Weekly benefit for partial unemployment. On and after April 1, 1955, each eligible individual who is partially unemployed in any week shall be paid with respect to such week a partial benefit in an amount equal to his weekly benefit amount less that part of his earnings paid or payable to him with respect to such week which is in excess of \$5 plus any fraction of a dollar; except