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regular benefit claimants in section 1193, subsection 3 without regard to the definition specified by this subsection.

3-D. Work to be in accord with labor standard provisions. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 3 to the contrary, no work may be deemed to be suitable work, for an individual, which does not accord with the labor standard provisions required by the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1954, Section 3304 (a) (5) and set forth under section 1193, subsection 3, paragraph B.

3-E. Actively engaged in seeking work. For the purposes of subsection 3-A, paragraph B, an individual shall be treated as actively engaged in seeking work during any week if:

A. The individual has engaged in a systematic and sustained effort to obtain work during that week; and

B. The individual furnishes tangible evidence that he has engaged in that effort during that week.

3-F. Referred to suitable work. The employment service shall refer any claimant entitled to extended benefits under subsections 3-A to 3-E to any suitable work which meets the criteria prescribed in subsection 3-C.

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

Effective May 6, 1981

CHAPTER 229

H. P. 543 — L. D. 619

AN ACT to Provide Equality between Home Improvement Loans and Other Consumer Credit Loans.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the current maximum annual interest rate allowed on home improvement loans is 15% under Title 9-A, section 2-201, subsection 7, although the current maximum annual interest rate allowed on other consumer credit transactions is 18% per year under Title 9-A, section 2-201, subsection 2; and

Whereas, interest rates have fluctuated greatly in recent years, creating a need for a greater maximum annual interest rate for home improvement loans; and

Whereas, home improvement loans and other consumer credit transactions should be treated alike and it is in the consumer's interest that they be treated alike; 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:

9-A MRSA § 2-201, sub-§ 7, ¶A, is enacted to read:

A. Notwithstanding this subsection, until 2 years from the effective date of this paragraph, the finance charge on a transaction subject to Title 9, chapter 360, may not exceed 18% per year on the unpaid balances of the amount financed, or \$25, whichever is greater. This paragraph is repealed 2 years from its effective date.

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

Effective May 7, 1981

CHAPTER 230

H. P. 759 — L. D. 895

AN ACT Concerning the List Price of Vehicles under the Excise Tax Laws.

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

36 MRSA § 1481, sub-§ 2 is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

In either case, "maker's list price" includes the manufacturer's suggested retail price of all accessories and equipment which are a part of the vehicle at the time the excise tax is paid.

Effective September 18, 1981