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## CHAPTER 284

H. P. 664 — L. D. 768

### AN ACT to Provide for Recovery of Unemployment Compensation Overpayments over a Reasonable Period of Time.

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

26 MRSA § 1051, sub-§ 7 is enacted to read:

7. **Limitation on recovery.** Deduction from benefits that may be or may become payable to an individual as provided for in subsection 5 shall be limited to not more than 10% of any weekly benefit payment otherwise due the claimant.

Effective September 18, 1981

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## CHAPTER 285

H. P. 915 — L. D. 1081

### AN ACT Relating to Unfair Wage Agreements under Employment Practices Law.

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

26 MRSA § 629 is amended by adding after the first paragraph, two new paragraphs to read:

For purposes of this subchapter, the word "debt" means a benefit to the employee. Debt does not include items incurred by the employee in the course of the employee's work or dealing with the customers on his employer's behalf, such as cash shortages, inventory shortages, dishonored checks, dishonored credit cards, damages to the employer's property in any form or any merchandise purchased by a customer.

An employer shall be liable to the employees for the amount returned to the employer as prohibited in this section.

Effective September 18, 1981