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## CHAPTER 753

H.P. 1773 - L.D. 2341

### AN ACT to Provide for Financial Solvency in the Unemployment Compensation Fund.

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1193, sub-§7, as amended by PL 1983, c. 305, §5, is further amended to read:

7. Discharged for crime. 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 \$600 or 8 times his weekly benefit amount, whichever is greater, in employment by an employer.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §1221, sub-§4, ¶A, as amended by PL 1981, c. 547, §2, is further amended to read:

A. The standard rate of contributions shall be 2-7% 5.4%. No contributing employer's rate ~~shall~~ may be varied from the standard rate, unless and until his experience rating record has been chargeable with benefits throughout the 36-consecutive-calendar-month period ending on the computation date applicable to such year; provided that with respect to the rate year beginning July 1, 1972, and each rate year thereafter, the rate of any contributing employer who has not been subject to this chapter for a sufficient period of time to meet the 36-month requirement may be varied from the standard rate, if there shall have been a lesser period throughout which his experience rating record has been chargeable with benefits, but in no case less than the 24-consecutive-calendar-month period ending on the computation date applicable to such year; provided, further, that beginning July 1, 1976, and with respect to each rate year thereafter, each contributing employer newly subject to this chapter shall pay contributions at the average contribution rate, rounded to the next higher 1/10 of 1%, on the taxable wages reported by contributing employers for the 12-month period immediately preceding the last computation date, provided such rate does not exceed 3.0%; and not less than 1%, and until such time as his experience rating record has been chargeable with bene-

fits throughout the 24-consecutive-calendar-month period ending on the computation date applicable to such year, and for rate years thereafter his contribution rate shall be determined in accordance with subsections 3 and 4.

Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §1221, sub-§4, ¶B, as amended by PL 1981, c. 16, §1, is further amended to read:

B. Subject to paragraph A, each employer's contribution rate for the 12-month period commencing January 1st of each year shall be based upon his experience rating record and determined from his reserve ratio, which is the percent obtained by dividing the amount by which, if any, his contributions credited from the time he first or most recently became an employer, whichever date is later, and up to and including June 30th of the preceding year, including any part of his contributions due for that year payable on or before July 31st of the preceding year, exceed his benefits charged during the same period, by his average annual payroll for the 36-consecutive-month period ending June 30th of the preceding year. His contribution rate is the percent shown on the line of the following table on which in column A there is indicated his reserve ratio and under the schedule within which the reserve multiple falls as of September 30th of each year. The following table will apply for each 12-month period commencing January 1st of each year as determined by paragraph C. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this paragraph, each employer's contribution rate computed and effective as of July 1, 1981, shall be for the 6-month period ending December 31, 1981.



Effective July 25, 1984.

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**CHAPTER 754**

H.P. 1793 - L.D. 2368

**AN ACT to Clarify the Timber-harvesting Provisions of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway Statutes.**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §662, sub-§§9-A and 9-B are enacted to read:

9-A. Timber-harvesting operation. "Timber-harvesting operation" means the cutting and removal of trees from their growing site and the attendant operation of mobile or portable chipping mills, and of cutting and skidding machinery, including the creation and use of skid trails, skid roads and winter haul roads, and the construction or creation of land management roads.

9-B. Visible from the watercourse. "Visible from the watercourse" means what a person at any point on the watercourse from Churchill Dam north can see without the aid of any magnifying devices.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §666, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1973, c. 460, §17, is further amended to read:

3. Camps. Other than structures permitted under subsection 1, camps shall be prohibited within the restricted zone. Existing commercial sporting camps shall be acquired and may be leased back to present owners or others on terms and conditions determined by the bureau; except that as of the effective date of this subsection, as amended, the bureau may not change the existing type of use of Jalbert's Sporting Camps on Round Pond and Nugents Sporting Camps on Chamberlain Lake, nor destroy nor abandon these camps without legislative approval.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §670, as amended by PL 1973, c. 460, §17, is repealed and the following enacted in its place.