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last known address at least 30 days in advance of the expiration of ~~such~~ the license. Renewals are contingent upon evidence of participation in continuing professional education, such as attending professional meetings and regional ~~inservice~~ in-service programs, as determined by the board. A license may be renewed up to 90 days after the date of its expiration upon payment of a late fee of \$10 in addition to the renewal fee. Any person who submits an application for renewal more than 90 days after the license expiration date ~~shall be~~ is subject to all requirements governing new applicants under this chapter, except that the board may in its discretion, giving due consideration to the protection of the public, waive examination if that renewal application is made within 2 years from the date of the expiration.

Sec. 23. 32 MRSA §6030, as amended by PL 1983, c. 816, Pt. A, §37, is further amended to read:

§6030. Continuing professional education

The board shall require the applicant for license renewal to present evidence of ~~his~~ the applicant's satisfactory completion of continuing professional education in accordance with rules adopted by the board.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 380

H.P. 1236 - L.D. 1753

**An Act to Preserve the Solvency of
the Unemployment Compensation
Fund**

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1191, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1995, c. 9, §2, is further amended to read:

2. Weekly benefit amount for total unemployment. Each eligible individual establishing a benefit year on or after October 1, 1983 who is totally unemployed in any week must be paid with respect to that week benefits equal to 1/22 of the wages, rounded to the nearest lower full dollar amount, paid to that individual in the high quarter of the base period, but not less than \$12. The maximum weekly benefit amount for claimants requesting insured status determination beginning October 1, 1983 and thereafter from June 1st of a calendar year to May 31st of the next calendar year may not exceed 52% of the annual average weekly wage, rounded to the nearest lower full dollar amount, paid in the calendar year preceding June 1st of that calendar year. No increase

in the maximum weekly benefit amount may occur for the period from June 1, 1992 to October 28, 1995. For the ~~period~~ periods from October 29, 1995 to May 31, 1997 and from September 28, 1997 to September 26, 1998, the maximum weekly benefit amount is limited to 94% of the amount calculated previously in this subsection, rounded to the nearest lower full dollar amount. For claimants requesting insured status determination on or after April 1, 1993 and before January 1, 1995, the weekly benefit amount must be the amount determined by this subsection minus \$6. For claimants requesting insured status determination on or after April 1, 1995 and before January 1, ~~1998~~ 1999, the weekly benefit amount must be the amount determined by this subsection minus \$3.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §1221, sub-§2, ¶C, as amended by PL 1995, c. 9, §5 and affected by §6, is further amended to read:

C. Each employer subject to this chapter, other than those liable for payments in lieu of contributions, shall pay, in addition to the contribution rate as prescribed in subsection 4, 7/10 of 1% of the wages paid by the employer with respect to employment during the calendar year 1993, 8/10 of 1% of the wages paid by the employer with respect to employment during the calendar year 1994 and 4/10 of 1% of the wages paid by the employer with respect to employment during calendar years 1995, 1996 ~~and~~ and 1997 and 1998.

Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §1221, sub-§4, ¶C, as amended by PL 1981, c. 16, §2, is further amended to read:

C. To designate the contribution rate schedule to be effective for a rate year, a reserve multiple ~~shall~~ must be determined. The reserve multiple ~~shall~~ must be determined by dividing the fund reserve ratio by the composite cost rate. The determination date ~~shall be~~ is September 30th of each calendar year, and the schedule of contribution rates to apply for the 12-month period commencing January 1st, ~~shall be as~~ is determined by this reserve multiple, except that for the 1998 rate year Schedule P is in effect.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 381

S.P. 597 - L.D. 1776

**An Act to Establish Guidelines for
Putting Certain Social Service
Contracts out to Bid**