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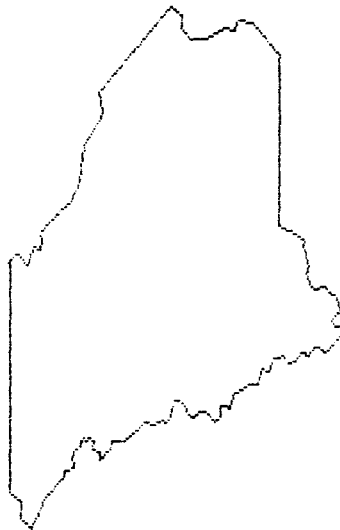


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STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
**Labor**

BILL SUMMARY



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1467

AN ACT TO PERMIT THE EMPLOYMENT  
SECURITY COMMISSION WIDER DISCRETION  
IN DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR UN-  
EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS

Andrews

PL 1983, c. 257  
(ND of LD 498)

SUMMARY: An unemployment compensation benefit claimant shall not be held ineligible or disqualified from benefits if he or she is unable to accept employment on a shift, the greater part of which falls between midnight and 5:00 a.m., because of parental obligation, the need to care for an immediate family member, or the unavailability of a personal care attendant required to assist a handicapped claimant.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-69): corrects grammatical error (Danton)  
(Adopted).

1503 AN ACT TO CLARIFY, SIMPLIFY AND IMPROVE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE LABOR LAWS OF MAINE  
Dutremble  
Foster  
Beaulieu  
Hayes  
PL 1983, c. 305  
(ND of LD 846)

SUMMARY of LD 846: Makes 12 changes, some affecting monetary items and some merely administrative changes to the unemployment compensation laws; see summary of LD 1503 for more detailed description of those enacted.

SUMMARY: Makes several changes in the unemployment compensation laws, none of which affect the amount of benefits received; these include placing all reductions in benefits under one section, increasing the wages required for requalification for workers discharged due to a crime related to their work, assuring that an error in a benefit payment may be reconsidered by a deputy, allowing the commissioner to establish a staff; and other technical changes.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-185): Makes the bill consistent with LD 978; authorizes Commissioner of Labor to be paid from administrative funds which he or she is authorized to administer; removes the Unemployment Insurance Commission as a source of administrative funds (Beaulieu)  
(Adopted).

1534 AN ACT TO OPEN STATE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING TO THE PUBLIC  
Sewall  
Scarpino  
Roderick  
Willey  
M-ONIP(acc.)  
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SUMMARY: Opens collective bargaining sessions between public employers and employees to the public if both parties agree; State Employees Labor Relations Act amended to make collective bargaining sessions, including mediation, fact-finding and arbitration, mandatorily open.