

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND ELEVEN

H.P. 792 - L.D. 1057

An Act To Increase the Transparency of the Unemployment Compensation Fund

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1082, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1983, c. 115, §1, is further amended to read:

3. Publication. The Commissioner of Labor shall cause to be printed for distribution to the public the text of this chapter, the commission's regulations, ~~his~~ the commissioner's annual reports to the Governor and any other material the commissioner or the commission ~~deems~~ considers relevant and suitable, and shall furnish the same to any person upon application ~~therefor~~.

The commissioner shall cause to be printed a comprehensive set of Department of Labor internal rules, policies, regulations, memoranda, instructions and other forms used in determining eligibility, payment of benefits and similar issues. The compilation ~~shall~~ must be indexed conveniently to facilitate its use by the public, ~~available in each local office where unemployment claims are filed~~ and easily accessible to ~~any member~~ of the public.

The commissioner shall annually publish data on the content and usage of the fund for not less than the preceding 10 years, including financing, benefit costs, experience rating and contribution rates as applicable. Legislative changes enacted after December 31, 2010 that have an impact on the content or usage of the fund must be disclosed separately for not less than the 5 years after enactment of the change.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §1190, sub-§2, ¶¶A and B, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 740, §1, are amended to read:

- A. ~~Total~~ Projected annual change in cost to the ~~unemployment compensation trust fund~~ for the ensuing 5 years;
- B. ~~Future~~ Projected impact on ~~the planned yield adjustment and~~ the experience rating records of employers, sorted by size and industry, and on employer's experience classifications, as described in section 1221, subsection 4-A, for the ensuing 5 years;

In House of Representatives, 2011

Read twice and passed to be enacted.

..... Speaker

In Senate, 2011

Read twice and passed to be enacted.

..... President

Approved 2011

..... Governor