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House of Representatives, March 15, 2011

An Act To Promote the Hiring of Seasonal Workers

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative FREDETTE of Newport.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, DAVIS of Sangerville, GIFFORD of Lincoln, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, WINSOR of Norway, Senators: PLOWMAN of Penobscot, SHERMAN of Aroostook, THIBODEAU of Waldo.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1221, sub-§3, ¶C**, as amended by PL 1965, c. 381, §19, is
3 further amended to read:

4 C. For the purposes of paragraph A, the experience rating record of the most recent
5 subject employer ~~shall~~ may not be charged with benefits paid to a claimant whose
6 work record with such employer totaled ~~5~~ 8 consecutive weeks or less of total or
7 partial employment, but in such case the most recent subject employer with whom the
8 claimant's work record exceeded ~~5~~ 8 consecutive weeks of total or partial
9 employment ~~shall~~ must be charged, if such employer would have otherwise been
10 chargeable had not subsequent employment intervened.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill changes from 5 weeks to 8 weeks the amount of time an employer may
13 employ an employee without being charged for unemployment benefits.