

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sub-section (ca) of Section 5. of Article 95A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Unemployment Compensation" sub-title "Disqualification for Benefits" be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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If it is found by the Board that he has not actively sought work. Such disqualification shall be effective from that date upon which he was called upon to produce evidence of his efforts to find work and shall continue for not less than one nor more than ten weeks immediately following thereafter.

In determining whether or not the claimant has actively sought work, the Board shall consider whether the efforts he has made to obtain work have been reasonable and are such efforts as an unemployed individual is expected to make if he is honestly looking for work. The extent of the effort required shall depend on the labor market conditions in the claimant's area.

Provided, that when an employer closes its entire plant or any portion of the plant for a vacation or inventory or other purpose causing unemployment for a certain and definable period not exceeding three (3) weeks in any benefit year, the Board is authorized to exempt the employees who thereby become unemployed from producing evidence required under this section of the law, if it is found by the Board that the circumstances and labor market conditions justify such exemption; however, such employees must comply with the provisions of Section 4 (a), and must be able to work and available for work. Exemption may be granted only with regard to a specific plant shut-down, and shall not be construed to exempt any claimant from meeting the requirements of this Article that he be available for work and able to work.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1956.

Approved April 4, 1956.

CHAPTER 123

(House Bill 48)

AN ACT to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Section 2 of Chapter 625 of the Acts of 1955, amending the provisions concerning the time and manner in which said Chapter 625 shall take effect, it being the act of the General Assembly providing for the imposition of capital punishment by the administration of a lethal gas.

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*
 [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
 CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.