

emption 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.】

(d) Refused to Accept Suitable work.—If the Board finds that he failed, without good cause, either to apply for available, suitable work, when so directed by the Board, or to accept suitable work when offered him, or to return to his customary self-employment (if any) when so directed by the Board. *Such disqualification shall be effective from the date when the application for work was to have been made, or when he was notified that suitable work became available to him, or when directed to return to his customary self-employment by the Board, whichever is later, and shall continue for not less than one or more than ten weeks immediately following thereafter.* 【Such disqualification shall continue until such individual has become re-employed and has earned therein equal to ten (10) times his weekly benefit amount.】

(1) In determining whether or not any work is suitable for an individual, the Board shall consider the degree of risk involved to his health, safety, and morals, his physical fitness and prior training, his experience and prior earnings, his length of unemployment and prospects for securing local work in his customary occupation, and the distance of the available work from his residence.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Article, no work shall be deemed suitable and benefits shall not be denied under this Article to any otherwise eligible individual for refusing to accept new work under any of the following conditions: (a) if the position offered is vacant due directly to a strike, lockout, or other labor dispute; (b) if the wages, hours, or other conditions of the work offered are substantially less favorable to the individual than those prevailing for similar work in the locality; (c) if as a condition of being employed the individual would be required to join a company union or to resign from or refrain from joining any bona fide labor organization.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1957.

Approved April 1, 1957.

CHAPTER 442

(House Bill 206)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 19 (a) and (q) of Article 95A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Unemployment Insurance Law", sub-title "Definitions", amending the definitions of "base period" and "benefit year", under the unemployment insurance law.

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.