

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 19 (a) and (q) of Article 95A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Unemployment Insurance Law", subtitle "Definitions", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, to read as follows:

19. (a) "Base period" means the *first four of the last five COMPLETED CALENDAR quarters immediately preceding the commencement of the benefit year as defined in Section 19 (q) of this Act.* **[twelve-consecutive-month period ending December 31, immediately preceding the first day of a benefit year]**.

19. (q) "Benefit year" ~~means the period of one year beginning with the first day a valid claim is filed and continuing for 364 thereafter [twelve consecutive month period ending March 31],~~ WITH RESPECT TO ANY INDIVIDUAL, MEANS THE ONE-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST DAY OF THE FIRST WEEK WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL FIRST FILES A CLAIM FOR BENEFITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, AND THEREAFTER THE ONE-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST DAY OF THE FIRST WEEK WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL NEXT FILES A CLAIM FOR BENEFITS AFTER THE TERMINATION OF HIS LAST PRECEDING BENEFIT YEAR, PROVIDED THAT AT THE TIME OF FILING SUCH A CLAIM THE INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN PAID THE WAGES FOR COVERED EMPLOYMENT REQUIRED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.

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

SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT THIS ACT IS HEREBY DECLARED TO BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE AND NECESSARY FOR THE IMMEDIATE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AND HAVING BEEN PASSED BY A YEA AND NAY VOTE, SUPPORTED BY THREE-FIFTHS OF ALL THE MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH OF THE TWO HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, THE SAME SHALL TAKE EFFECT FROM APRIL 1, 1957.

Approved April 1, 1957.

CHAPTER 443

(House Bill 207)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 3 (b), (c) and (d) AND SECTIONS 4 (E) (1) AND 4 (E) (2) of Article 95A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1956

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.