

upon him of any narcotic, depressant, stimulant, hallucinogenic or hypnotic drug or from the effect upon him of any other drug which renders him incapable of satisfactorily performing his job.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.*

Approved May 5, 1972.

CHAPTER 301
(House Bill 730)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 4(c) and 20(g)(7) of Article 95A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Supplement), title "Unemployment Insurance Law," subtitles "Benefits" and "Definitions" to make unsighted or other severely handicapped employees of The Maryland Workshop for the Blind eligible for benefits under the Unemployment Insurance Law and generally relating thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 4(c) and 20(g)(7) of Article 95A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Supplement), title "Unemployment Insurance Law," subtitles "Benefits" and "Definitions" be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

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(c) He is able to work, and is available for work; provided no claimant shall be considered ineligible in any week of unemployment for failure to comply with provisions of this subsection if such failure is due to an illness or disability which occurs after he has registered for work and no work which would have been considered suitable at the time of his initial registration has been offered after the beginning of such illness or disability. *The Executive Director shall not use the blindness of an unsighted or other severely handicapped person as a factor making such a person ineligible under the "able to work" requirement of this subsection if the person was an employee of The Maryland Workshop for the Blind immediately prior to being unemployed.* As used in this subsection, the term "available for work" shall mean, among other things, that a claimant is actively seeking work. In determining whether or not the claimant has actively sought work, the Executive Director 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 upon 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 weeks in any benefit year, the Executive Director is au-