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CHAPTER 652

(Senate Bill 84)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 6(f) of Article 95A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Unemployment Insurance Law," subtitle "Benefits," to establish the conditions under which women are eligible to receive unemployment benefits during pregnancy.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 6(f) of Article 95A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Unemployment Insurance Law," subtitle "Benefits," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(f) [For the four months before the expected date of the birth of a child and the two months after the actual date of the birth of said child, in either of which cases the Executive Director may require the production of doctor's certificates to establish such dates; but she shall be eligible for benefits during the first five months of pregnancy providing that she is physically able to continue her employment and is otherwise eligible under the benefit eligibility conditions set out in Section 4(c).]

FOR ANY PERIOD OF DISABILITY AS A RESULT OF PREGNANCY DURING WHICH PERIOD SHE IS PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO CONTINUE HER EMPLOYMENT. HOWEVER, SHE SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS DURING PREGNANCY PROVIDING THAT SHE IS PHYSICALLY ABLE TO CONTINUE HER EMPLOYMENT AS PROPERLY CERTIFIED BY HER PHYSICIAN, AND IS OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE UNDER THE BENEFIT OF ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS SET OUT IN SECTION 4(C).

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 24, 1973.

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CHAPTER 653

(Senate Bill 98)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 274A to 297, inclusive, of Article 23 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Corporations", subtitle "III. Particular Classes of Corporations", heading "Religious Corporations", subheading "Protestant Episcopal Church--Diocese of Maryland" (commonly known as the "Vestry Act"), and to re-enact in lieu thereof a new Section 275 applicable to all parishes and separate congregations of the Diocese of Maryland howsoever incorporated, including those incorporated prior to the effective date of the Constitution of 1851 unless they have irrevocable charters, and to permit any such church to adopt by-laws governing the qualifications of its voters at congregational meetings and