

BY adding to

Article 95A - Unemployment Insurance Law
Section 22 and 23
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 22 and 23, respectively, of Article 95A - Unemployment Insurance Law, of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 24 and 25, respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows:

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22.

(A) IF THE BENEFIT YEAR OF ANY INDIVIDUAL ENDS WITHIN AN EXTENDED BENEFIT PERIOD, THEN THE REMAINING BALANCE OF EXTENDED BENEFITS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE, WITH RESPECT TO WEEKS OF UNEMPLOYMENT BEGINNING AFTER THE END OF THE BENEFIT YEAR, SHALL BE REDUCED (BUT NOT BELOW ZERO) BY THE PRODUCT OF THE NUMBER OF WEEKS FOR WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL RECEIVED ANY AMOUNTS AS TRADE READJUSTMENT ALLOWANCES (UNDER THE FEDERAL TRADE ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED) WITHIN THAT BENEFIT YEAR, MULTIPLIED BY THE INDIVIDUAL'S WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT FOR EXTENDED BENEFITS.

(B) (1) AN OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL SHALL NOT BE DENIED REGULAR OR EXTENDED BENEFITS FOR ANY WEEK BECAUSE THE INDIVIDUAL:

(I) IS IN A TRAINING PROGRAM APPROVED UNDER § 236(A)(1) OF THE FEDERAL TRADE ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED; OR

(II) HAS LEFT WORK, WHICH IS NOT SUITABLE EMPLOYMENT, TO ENTER A TRAINING PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I).

(2) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, "SUITABLE EMPLOYMENT" MEANS:

(I) WORK OF A SUBSTANTIALLY EQUAL OR HIGHER SKILL LEVEL THAN THE INDIVIDUAL'S PAST ADVERSELY AFFECTED EMPLOYMENT AS DEFINED UNDER THE FEDERAL TRADE ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED; AND