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CHAPTER 195

(House Bill 313)

AN ACT concerning

Unemployment Insurance - Work Search Exemption

FOR the purpose of providing that the Secretary of Employment and Training may extend the work search exemption for a certain period if certain conditions are met; making certain technical corrections; and generally relating to work search exemptions for unemployment insurance.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 95A - Unemployment Insurance Law Section 4(c) Annotated Code of Maryland (1985 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 95A - Unemployment Insurance Law

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Any unemployed individual is eligible to receive benefits with respect to any week only if the Executive Director finds that:

(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 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] SECRETARY 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] SECRETARY shall consider whether the efforts he has made to