

(1985 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 95A - Unemployment Insurance Law
Section 6(a-1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1985 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 95A - Unemployment Insurance Law
Section 8(c)(10)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1985 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

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 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 Blind Industries and Services of Maryland, 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 Secretary 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 further that when an employer closes its entire plant or any portion of the plant for a vacation or inventory or