## LAWS OF MARYLAND

## Ch. 502

- (I) (1) FOR ANY WEEK WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL IS RECEIVING, HAS RECEIVED, OR WILL RECEIVE HOLIDAY PAY OR VACATION PAY EARNED OR ACCUMULATED TO THE CREDIT OF THE INDIVIDUAL IF, ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF THE LAYOFF OR SEPARATION, THE INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN NOTIFIED BY THE EMPLOYER OF A DEFINITE DATE ON WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL WILL RETURN TO WORK.
- (2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT BE DISQUALIFIED FOR BENEFITS IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS RECEIVING, HAS RECEIVED, OR WILL RECEIVE HOLIDAY PAY OR VACATION PAY WHICH IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO ANY PERIOD WHICH IS OUTSIDE OF THE TERMS OF AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WHICH SPECIFIES SCHEDULED VACATION OR HOLIDAY PERIODS OR EMPLOYEE DISCRETION IN SCHEDULING VACATION OR HOLIDAY PERIODS.

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As used in this article, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(1) An individual shall be deemed "unemployed" in any week during which he performs no services and with respect to which no wages are payable to him or in any week of less than full-time work if the wages payable to him with respect to such week are less than his weekly benefit amount plus allowances for dependents. [For purposes of this section of the law and for the purpose of the taking of claims for and the payment of weekly benefits, holiday pay and/or vacation pay earned or accumulated to the credit of the individual, which is paid at the time of layoff or separation from employment or during a period of unemployment resulting from a cause other than vacation or holiday, shall not be considered wages.]

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take effect July 3, 1988 and shall apply to individuals who file claims for weeks of unemployment beginning on or after July 3, 1988.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect July 26, 1988 and shall apply to individuals who file claims for a week of unemployment on or after the week beginning June 26, 1988.

Approved May 17, 1988.