

DRAFTER'S NOTE:

Error: Omitted conjunction in Article 95, § 22G(a)(4)(ii).

Occurred: Ch. 735, Acts of 1981.

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 other purpose causing unemployment for a certain and definable period not exceeding 10 weeks during each period of unemployment, the Secretary is authorized to exempt the employees who thereby become unemployed from actively seeking work as required under this section of the law, if it is found by the Secretary that the circumstances and labor market conditions justify such exemptions. Provided further that when an employer closes its entire plant or any portion of the plant for a purpose other than vacation or inventory causing unemployment for a certain and definable period not exceeding 26 weeks, the Secretary is authorized to exempt the employees who thereby become unemployed from actively seeking work as required under this subsection of law if the extended exemption of up to 26 weeks is jointly requested by the employer and the affected employees, the