

of certain allowances noncharging of certain allowances to the extent authorized by federal law; providing a review process; providing for the effective date; providing a termination date for certain termination dates; providing that only a certain percentage of individuals receiving certain unemployment insurance benefits may participate in the Program at a time; providing that the Secretary may adopt regulations to implement the Program; and generally relating to the unemployment insurance law.

BY adding to

Article - Labor and Employment

Section 8-1601 through 8-1608 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 16. Self-Employment Assistance Program"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Volume and 1994 Supplement)

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

**Article - Labor and Employment**

**SUBTITLE 16. SELF-EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

8-1601.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "SELF-EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES" MEANS ACTIVITIES APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY IN WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A BUSINESS AND BECOMING SELF-EMPLOYED. SELF-EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, ENTREPRENEURIAL TRAINING, BUSINESS COUNSELING, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

(C) "SELF-EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE ALLOWANCE" MEANS AN ALLOWANCE PAYABLE, IN LIEU OF REGULAR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS, FROM THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(D) "SELF-EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM UNDER WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED IN § 8-1604 OF THIS SUBTITLE IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AN ALLOWANCE IN LIEU OF REGULAR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING THAT INDIVIDUAL IN ESTABLISHING A BUSINESS AND BECOMING SELF-EMPLOYED.

(E) "REGULAR BENEFITS" MEANS BENEFITS PAYABLE TO AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THIS TITLE, INCLUDING BENEFITS PAYABLE TO FEDERAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND TO EX-SERVICEMEMBERS AS DEFINED IN 5 U.S.C. SECTION 8521(A) WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR EX-SERVICEMEMBERS UNDER 5 U.S.C. SECTION 8521.