8-104. EMPLOYMENT STABILIZATION.

WITH THE ADVICE AND HELP OF THE STATE AND LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCILS, THE SECRETARY SHALL TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE STEPS TO:

- (1) REDUCE AND PREVENT UNEMPLOYMENT;
- (2) ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST IN THE ADOPTION OF PRACTICAL METHODS OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING, RETRAINING, AND GUIDANCE;
- (3) ADVISE, ASSIST, AND CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION BY A COUNTY, A MUNICIPALITY, OR THE STATE, OF RESERVES FOR PUBLIC WORKS TO BE USED IN TIMES OF BUSINESS DEPRESSION AND UNEMPLOYMENT;
- (4) PROMOTE THE REEMPLOYMENT OF UNEMPLOYED WORKERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE IN EACH OTHER WAY THAT MAY BE FEASIBLE; AND
- (5) CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS AND RESEARCH STUDIES AND PUBLISH THE RESULTS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 95A, § 12(f) and the second sentence of § 11(a)(1).

In item (3) of this section, the former word "recommend" is deleted as unnecessary in light of the word "advise".

Defined term: "Secretary" § 8-101

8-105. LIMITATION ON USE OF INFORMATION.

UNLESS A REPORT OR OTHER WRITTEN OR ORAL COMMUNICATION THAT IS MADE OR DELIVERED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS TITLE IS FALSE AND MALICIOUS, A PERSON MAY NOT BRING AN ACTION FOR ABUSIVE OR WRONGFUL DISCHARGE, LIBEL, OR SLANDER BASED ON THE REPORT OR COMMUNICATION FROM:

- (1) AN EMPLOYEE TO AN EMPLOYER;
- (2) AN EMPLOYER TO AN EMPLOYEE; OR
- (3) AN EMPLOYEE OR AN EMPLOYER TO THE SECRETARY OR BOARD OF APPEALS OR ANY AGENT, EMPLOYEE, OR REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY OR BOARD OF APPEALS.
  - REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 95A, § 12(g)(2) and the second sentence of § 11(a)(1).

In the introductory language of this section, the former word "sent" is deleted as unnecessary in light of the word "delivered".