## Article - Labor and Employment

8-803.1.

FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING THE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT IN ANY BENEFIT YEAR UNDER § 8–803 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE WAGES WHICH WERE PAID TO AN INDIVIDUAL FOR COVERED EMPLOYMENT DO NOT INCLUDE ANY WAGES PAID TO THE INDIVIDUAL BY A BASE PERIOD EMPLOYER AGAINST WHOM THE INDIVIDUAL HAS COMMITTED INTENTIONAL AND DESTRUCTIVE AGGRAVATED MISCONDUCT THAT HAS RESULTED IN A DISQUALIFICATION FROM RECEIVING BENEFITS UNDER § 8–1002.1 OF THIS TITLE DURING ANY BENEFIT YEAR.

8-1001.

- (a) An individual who otherwise is eligible to receive benefits is disqualified from receiving benefits if the Secretary finds that unemployment results from voluntarily leaving work without good cause.
- (b) The Secretary may find that a cause for voluntarily leaving is good cause only if:
  - (1) the cause is directly attributable to, arising from, or connected with:
    - (i) the conditions of employment; or
    - (ii) the actions of the employing unit; or
  - (2) an individual:
    - (i) is laid off from employment through no fault of the individual;
- (ii) obtains subsequent employment that pays weekly wages that total less than 50% of the weekly wage earned in the employment from which the individual was laid off; and
- (iii) leaves the subsequent employment to attend a training program for which the individual has been chosen that:
- 1. is offered under the Maryland Job Training Partnership Act; or
  - 2. otherwise is approved by the Secretary.
  - (c) (1) A circumstance for voluntarily leaving work is valid only if it is:
- (i) a substantial cause that is directly attributable to, arising from, or connected with conditions of employment or actions of the employing unit; or
- (ii) of such necessitous or compelling nature that the individual has no reasonable alternative other than leaving the employment.
- (2) For determination of the application of paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection to an individual who leaves employment because of the health of the individual