

# CHAPTER 669

(House Bill 749)

AN ACT concerning

## Unemployment Insurance - Eligibility - Voluntary Quit to Follow a Spouse

FOR the purpose of providing that an individual who voluntarily quits employment to follow a spouse who is a member of the United States military ~~or an employee of a contractor of the United States military~~ under certain circumstances is eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits; providing for the application of this Act; requiring the Department to provide a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to unemployment insurance law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - Labor and Employment  
Section 8-1001  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1999 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

### Article - Labor and Employment

8-1001.

(a) (1) 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.

(2) A claimant who is otherwise eligible for benefits from the loss of full-time employment may not be disqualified from the benefits attributable to the full-time employment because the claimant voluntarily quit a part-time employment, if the claimant quit the part-time employment before the loss of the full-time employment.

(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: