

(i) if a valid circumstance exists, for a total of at least 5 but not more than 10 weeks, as determined by the Secretary based on the seriousness of the circumstance; or

(ii) if a valid circumstance does not exist, until the individual is reemployed and has earned wages for covered employment that equal at least 15 times the weekly benefit amount of the individual.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to individuals who file new claims for unemployment insurance benefits with an effective date on or after June 1, 2008.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before June 1, 2009, the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall report to the House Economic Matters Committee and the Senate Finance Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the implementation of this Act. The report shall include:

- (a) The number of claims filed pursuant to this Act;
- (b) The estimated fiscal impact of those claims;
- (c) Any directives that govern administration or enforcement of this Act; and
- (d) Any issues related to administration or enforcement of this Act.

SECTION ~~3~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2008.

CHAPTER 670

(House Bill 765)

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Correctional Officers – Minimum Age

FOR the purpose of altering a provision of law to require the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to adopt regulations to govern the policies and management of correctional facilities in the Department of Public Safety and