
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY KEEFER, PICKETT, RYAN, BROOKS, STAMBAUGH, WARNER,
ZIMMERMAN, COX, GAYDOS, MOUL, GLEIM AND WHEELAND,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY, JANUARY 15, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937
2 P.L.2897, No.1), entitled "An act establishing a system of
3 unemployment compensation to be administered by the
4 Department of Labor and Industry and its existing and newly
5 created agencies with personnel (with certain exceptions)
6 selected on a civil service basis; requiring employers to
7 keep records and make reports, and certain employers to pay
8 contributions based on payrolls to provide moneys for the
9 payment of compensation to certain unemployed persons;
10 providing procedure and administrative details for the
11 determination, payment and collection of such contributions
12 and the payment of such compensation; providing for
13 cooperation with the Federal Government and its agencies;
14 creating certain special funds in the custody of the State
15 Treasurer; and prescribing penalties," in compensation,
16 further providing for qualifications required to secure
17 compensation.

18 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
19 hereby enacts as follows:

20 Section 1. Section 401(f) of the act of December 5, 1936
21 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment
22 Compensation Law, is amended to read:

23 Section 401. Qualifications Required to Secure
24 Compensation.--Compensation shall be payable to any employe who
25 is or becomes unemployed, and who--

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2 (f) Has worked ten (10) credit weeks and has earned,
3 subsequent to his separation from work under circumstances which
4 are disqualifying under the provisions of subsections 402(b),
5 402(e), 402(e.1), 402(h) and 402(k) of this act, remuneration
6 for services in an amount equal to or in excess of [~~six (6)~~]
7 fifteen (15) times his weekly benefit rate in "employment" as
8 defined in this act. The provisions of this subsection shall not
9 apply to a suspension of work by an individual pursuant to a
10 leave of absence granted by his last employer, provided such
11 individual has made a reasonable effort to return to work with
12 such employer upon the expiration of his leave of absence.

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14 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.