

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY, JUNE 21, 2016

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 extended benefits
 16 program, providing for extended benefits for coal miners.

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

19 Section 1. The act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937
 20 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, is
 21 amended by adding a section to read:

22 Section 409-A. Extended Benefits for Coal Miners.--(a)
 23 Subject to subsection (b), notwithstanding any other provision
 24 of this article, a coal miner who is laid off for lack of work
 25 and who has not been advised by the employer of the date on

1 which the coal miner will return to work, shall be eligible to
2 receive an additional twenty-six weeks of unemployment benefits,
3 which would constitute a full year of unemployment benefits
4 under this act.

5 (b) A coal miner shall be ineligible for additional
6 unemployment benefits under subsection (a) if the coal miner:

7 (1) has failed to accept any offer of suitable work, as
8 defined under section 403-A(d), or failed to apply for any
9 suitable work to which the coal miner was referred by the
10 employment office;

11 (2) has failed to actively engage in seeking work as
12 prescribed under section 403-A(f); or

13 (3) is otherwise disqualified for unemployment benefits.

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