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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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ZIMMERMAN, MOUL AND LEADBETER, APRIL 4, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY, APRIL 4, 2023

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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.