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CHAPTER 472

AN ACT Revising the Disqualification Periods for Persons who Voluntarily Quit Work or are Discharged for Misconduct.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA § 1193, sub-§ 1, ¶ A, first sentence, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 538, § 28, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

For the week in which he left his regular employment voluntarily without good cause attributable to such employment, or to a claimant who has voluntarily removed himself from the labor market where presently employed to an area where employment opportunity is less frequent, if so found by the commission, and disqualification shall continue until claimant has earned 4 times his weekly benefit amount; provided no disqualification shall be imposed if the individual establishes that he left employment in good faith and accepted new employment on a permanent full-time basis and he became separated from the new employment for good cause attributable to employment with the new employing unit.

Sec. 1-A. 26 MRSA § 1193, sub-§ 1, ¶ A, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1965, c. 381, § 13, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Leaving work shall not be considered voluntary without good cause when it is caused by the illness or disability of the claimant or of his immediate family and the claimant took all reasonable precautions to protect his employment status by having promptly notified his employer as to the reasons for his absence and by promptly requesting reemployment when he is again able to resume employment; nor shall leaving work be considered voluntary without good cause if the leaving was necessary for the claimant to accompany, follow or join his spouse in a new place of residence and he can clearly show upon arrival at the new place of residence an attachment to the new labor market and is in all respects able, available and actively seeking suitable work;

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA § 1193, sub-§ 2, as last amended by PL 1965, c. 381, § 14, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Discharge for misconduct. For the week in which he has been discharged for misconduct connected with his work, if so found by the commission, and disqualification shall continue until claimant has earned 4 times his weekly benefit amount.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 473

AN ACT to Add a Dental Hygienist to the Board of Dental Examiners.