



**AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT  
COMPENSATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 31-229 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) An eligible individual who is partially unemployed throughout a  
4 week, which shall be, at the discretion of the administrator, either a  
5 calendar week or a payroll week of seven consecutive days as  
6 determined by the administrator, shall be paid with respect to such  
7 week an amount equal to [his] such individual's benefit rate for total  
8 unemployment reduced by an amount equal to two-thirds, rounded to  
9 the next higher whole dollar, of the total remuneration, rounded to the  
10 nearest whole dollar, of any nature payable to [him] such individual  
11 for services of any kind during such week, except service performed in  
12 the employ of any town, city or other political subdivision, which  
13 service is performed in lieu of payment of any delinquent tax  
14 payments to such town, city or other political subdivision. An  
15 individual shall be deemed to be partially unemployed in any week of  
16 less than full-time work if the total remuneration of any nature payable  
17 to [him] such individual for services of any kind during such week,  
18 except service performed in the employ of any town, city or other  
19 political subdivision, which service is performed in lieu of payment of  
20 any delinquent tax payments to such town, city or other political

21 subdivision, amounts to less than one and one-half times [his] such  
22 individual's benefit rate for total unemployment rounded to the next  
23 highest dollar.

24 (b) For purposes of this section, remuneration [shall] also [include]  
25 includes any holiday pay payable with respect to any such week,  
26 whether or not any service was performed during such week or was in  
27 any other way required for receipt of such holiday pay.

28 (c) For purposes of this section, the administrator shall consider  
29 earnings derived from self-employment, but only to the extent such  
30 earnings are actually received or payable with respect to a given week  
31 of partial unemployment.

32 (d) For purposes of this section, an individual who is seeking only  
33 part-time employment for at least twenty hours per week due to a  
34 physical or mental impairment or combination of impairments,  
35 documented by a physician licensed to practice in this state, is  
36 considered "partially unemployed" only with respect to a week during  
37 which the individual was employed fewer than twenty hours.

38 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 31-235 of the general statutes is  
39 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

40 (a) An unemployed individual shall be eligible to receive benefits  
41 with respect to any week only if it has been found that (1) [he] the  
42 individual has made claim for benefits in accordance with the  
43 provisions of section 31-240 and has registered for work at the public  
44 employment bureau or other agency designated by the administrator  
45 within such time limits, with such frequency and in such manner as  
46 the administrator may prescribe, provided failure to comply with this  
47 condition may be excused by the administrator upon a showing of  
48 good cause [therefor] for such failure; (2) except as provided in  
49 subsection (b) of this section, [he] the individual is physically and  
50 mentally able to work and is available for work and has been and is  
51 making reasonable efforts to obtain work, provided [he] the individual  
52 shall not be considered to be unavailable for work solely because [he]

53 (A) the individual has a physical or mental impairment or combination  
54 of impairments that requires the individual to limit the number of  
55 hours the individual may work so long as the individual is available to  
56 work at least twenty hours per week, or (B) the individual is attending  
57 a school, college or university as a regularly enrolled student during  
58 [his] the individual's separation from employment, within the  
59 limitations of subdivision [(a)(6)] (6) of subsection (a) of section 31-236,  
60 and provided further, [he] the individual shall not be considered to be  
61 lacking in [his] efforts to obtain work if, as a student, [he] the  
62 individual restricts such efforts to employment [which] that does not  
63 conflict with [his] the individual's regular class hours as a student, and  
64 provided the administrator shall not use prior "patterns of  
65 unemployment" of the individual to determine whether [he] the  
66 individual is available for work; (3) [he] the individual has been paid  
67 wages by an employer who was subject to the provisions of this  
68 chapter during the base period of [his] the individual's current benefit  
69 year in an amount at least equal to forty times [his] the individual's  
70 benefit rate for total unemployment: Provided an unemployed  
71 individual who is sixty-two years of age or older and is involuntarily  
72 retired under a compulsory retirement policy or contract provision  
73 shall be eligible for benefits with respect to any week, notwithstanding  
74 subdivisions (1) and (2) of this [section] subsection, if it is found by the  
75 administrator that [he] the individual has made claim for benefits in  
76 accordance with the provisions of section 31-240, has registered for  
77 work at the public employment bureau, is physically and mentally  
78 able to work, is available for work, meets the requirements of this  
79 subdivision and has not refused suitable work to which [he] the  
80 individual has been referred by the administrator; (4) [he] the  
81 individual participates in reemployment services, such as job search  
82 assistance services, if the individual has been determined to be likely  
83 to exhaust regular benefits and need reemployment services pursuant  
84 to a profiling system established by the administrator unless the  
85 administrator determines that (A) the individual has completed such  
86 services, or (B) there is justifiable cause for the individual's failure to  
87 participate in such services. The administrator shall adopt regulations,

88 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, for the administration  
89 of the profiling system. For purposes of subdivision (2) of this [section]  
90 subsection, "patterns of unemployment" means regularly recurring  
91 periods of unemployment of the claimant in the years prior to [his]  
92 filing the claim in question.

**APP**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*