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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
(LAB)

**AN ACT PROVIDING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN
MILITARY SPOUSES.**

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 31-236 of the
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

4 (2) (A) If, in the opinion of the administrator, the individual has left
5 suitable work voluntarily and without good cause attributable to the
6 employer, until such individual has earned at least ten times such
7 individual's benefit rate, provided whenever an individual voluntarily
8 leaves part-time employment under conditions that would render the
9 individual ineligible for benefits, such individual's ineligibility shall be
10 limited as provided in subsection (b) of this section, if applicable, and
11 provided further, no individual shall be ineligible for benefits if the
12 individual leaves suitable work (i) for good cause attributable to the
13 employer, including leaving as a result of changes in conditions
14 created by the individual's employer, (ii) to care for a seriously ill
15 spouse or child, or parent domiciled with the individual, provided
16 such illness is documented by a licensed physician, (iii) due to the

17 discontinuance of transportation, other than the individual's
 18 personally owned vehicle, used to get to and from work, provided no
 19 reasonable alternative transportation is available, [or] (iv) to protect
 20 the individual or a child domiciled with the individual from becoming
 21 or remaining a victim of domestic violence, as defined in section 17b-
 22 112a, provided such individual has made reasonable efforts to
 23 preserve the employment, but the employer's account shall not at any
 24 time be charged with respect to any voluntary leaving that falls under
 25 subparagraph (A)(iv) of this subdivision, or (v) to accompany a spouse
 26 who is on active duty with the armed forces of the United States and is
 27 required to relocate by the armed forces, but the employer's account
 28 shall not at any time be charged with respect to any voluntary leaving
 29 that falls under subparagraph (A)(v) of this subdivision; or (B) if, in the
 30 opinion of the administrator, the individual has been discharged or
 31 suspended for felonious conduct, conduct constituting larceny of
 32 property or service, the value of which exceeds twenty-five dollars, or
 33 larceny of currency, regardless of the value of such currency, wilful
 34 misconduct in the course of the individual's employment, or
 35 participation in an illegal strike, as determined by state or federal laws
 36 or regulations, until such individual has earned at least ten times the
 37 individual's benefit rate; provided an individual who (i) while on
 38 layoff from regular work, accepts other employment and leaves such
 39 other employment when recalled by the individual's former employer,
 40 (ii) leaves work that is outside the individual's regular apprenticeable
 41 trade to return to work in the individual's regular apprenticeable
 42 trade, (iii) has left work solely by reason of governmental regulation or
 43 statute, or (iv) leaves part-time work to accept full-time work, shall not
 44 be ineligible on account of such leaving and the employer's account
 45 shall not at any time be charged with respect to such separation, unless
 46 such employer has elected payments in lieu of contributions.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	31-236(a)(2)

Statement of Purpose:

To keep families together by providing benefits for job loss related to a spouse's enlistment in the military.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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