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BILL NUMBER: sHB 5672
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TITLE: "AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTENDED UNEMPLOYED COMPENSATION BENEFITS AND THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DIVISION OF THE LABOR DEPARTMENT"

FAVORABLY REPORTED BY Labor & Public Employees

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER sHB 5672

STATE IMPACT	Potential Minimal Cost, Increased Administrative Efficiency, see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	None
STATE AGENCY(S)	Labor Department, State Comptroller

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE IMPACT: Passage of this bill brings the State's extended unemployment compensation benefit statutes into concurrence with the federal government by making two exceptions to the requirement that, in order to be eligible for state extended unemployment compensation benefits, a claimant must be actively seeking work. Under the bill, claimant may not be disqualified if he does not seek work because he is serving on jury duty or because he is hospitalized for an emergency or life-threatening condition, as long as the labor commissioner finds that he made reasonable efforts to obtain work under the circumstances.

There would be no immediate fiscal impact resulting from these exceptions because if the state's extended benefits are triggered, they would be 100% federally funded under two federal extensions.

However, in the future, if the state's extended benefits are triggered and there is no federal extension, the state may experience a minimal cost increase in its unemployment account.

The bill also permits the Labor Department to combine the functions of paying unemployment compensation benefits and providing job referral which will increase administrative efficiency.