
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that a spouse of a military service member shall not be disqualified for unemployment compensation benefits if he resigns employment to relocate with his spouse pursuant to an order of permanent change of station.

Present law (R.S. 23:1601) provides that in a claim for unemployment compensation, an individual is disqualified for benefits if he:

- (1) Left his employment without good cause attributable to a substantial change in employment.
- (2) Is employed by a staffing firm and does not contact the staffing firm for reassignment after completing an assignment.
- (3) Has been discharged for misconduct connected with his employment.
- (4) Fails to apply for available, suitable work when so directed by the administrator, or to accept suitable work when offered to him, or to return to his customary self-employment when so directed by the administrator.
- (5) Is unemployed because he is participating in a labor strike.
- (6) Is seeking unemployment compensation from another state.
- (7) Makes a false statement or representation to obtain or increase his benefits.
- (8) Has been discharged for the use of illegal drugs.
- (9) Has not, after participation in a work-release program, worked and earned wages for insured work.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law (R.S. 23:1603) provides that no individual shall be disqualified from benefits if he left his employment to participate in an approved training pursuant to federal law if no suitable employment is available or because of the application of any state or federal law relative to the availability of work, active search for work, or refusal to accept work.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that an individual shall not be disqualified from receiving benefits if he is otherwise eligible to receive benefits, is the spouse of a military service member, and resigns his employment in order to relocate with his spouse pursuant to an order of permanent change of station.

(Amends R.S. 23:1603)