

Amendment No. 002 (for drafter's use only)

	<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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The Committee on Business Development & International Trade offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove from the bill: Everything after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 443.101, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

443.101 Disqualification for benefits.--An individual shall be disqualified for benefits:

(1)(a) For the week in which he or she has voluntarily left his or her work without good cause attributable to his or her employing unit or in which the individual has been discharged by his or her employing unit for misconduct connected with his or her work, if so found by the division. The term "work," as used in this paragraph, means any work, whether full-time, part-time, or temporary.

1. Disqualification for voluntarily quitting shall continue for the full period of unemployment next ensuing after he or she has left his or her full-time, part-time, or

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1 temporary work voluntarily without good cause and until such
2 individual has earned income equal to or in excess of 17 times
3 his or her weekly benefit amount; the term "good cause" as
4 used in this subsection includes only such cause as is
5 attributable to the employing unit or which consists of
6 illness or disability of the individual requiring separation
7 from his or her work or being a victim of domestic violence
8 eligible under s. 414.075 or s. 414.085, Florida Statutes
9 which results in being separated from work due to
10 circumstances directly resulting from the individual's
11 experience of domestic violence as defined in s. 414.0252 and
12 in accordance with rules adopted by the division.

13 a. An individual's separation from work shall be
14 treated as due to circumstances directly resulting from the
15 individual's experience of domestic violence if the individual
16 establishes satisfactory proof, including corroborating
17 evidence, which may include, but is not limited to one of the
18 following:

19 i. restraining order or equitable relief;

20 ii. police record documenting domestic violence;

21 iii. proof of conviction of the domestic violence

22 perpetrator;

23 iv. medical documentation of domestic violence;

24 v. certification from a certified domestic violence

25 specialist that the individual is a domestic violence victim;

26 or

27 vi. other documentation from a social worker, clergy
28 member, shelter worker or other professional who assisted the
29 domestic violence victim in dealing with domestic violence.

30 b. The source of funding for payments for unemployment
31 compensation claims regarding domestic violence shall be the

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1 Temporary Assistance to Needy Families block grant. Any
2 expenditures from the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
3 block grant shall be expended in accordance with the
4 requirements and limitations of part A of Title IV of the
5 Social Security Act, as amended, or any other applicable
6 federal requirements or limitation. The Department of Labor
7 and Employment Security shall submit an annual report by
8 January 1 to the Legislature which contains the number of
9 claims filed, the number of claims which were paid, and the
10 amount of funds paid pursuant to this subparagraph.

11 c. An individual shall not be disqualified under this
12 subsection for voluntarily leaving temporary work to return
13 immediately when called to work by the permanent employing
14 unit that temporarily terminated his or her work within the
15 previous 6 calendar months. ~~No other disqualification may be~~
16 ~~imposed. An individual shall not be disqualified under this~~
17 ~~subsection for voluntarily leaving temporary work to return~~
18 ~~immediately when called to work by the permanent employing~~
19 ~~unit that temporarily terminated his or her work within the~~
20 ~~previous 6 calendar months.~~

21 2. Disqualification for being discharged for
22 misconduct connected with his or her work shall continue for
23 the full period of unemployment next ensuing after having been
24 discharged and until such individual has become reemployed and
25 has earned income not less than 17 times his or her weekly
26 benefit amount and for not more than 52 weeks that immediately
27 follow such week, as determined by the division in each case
28 according to the circumstances in each case or the seriousness
29 of the misconduct, pursuant to rules of the division enacted
30 for determinations of disqualification for benefits for
31 misconduct.

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1 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

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5 And the title is amended as follows:

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7 remove from the title of the bill:

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9 and insert in lieu thereof:

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