

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Committee on Appropriations recommends the following:

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3 **Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to unemployment compensation for spouses
7 of members of the military; amending s. 443.101, F.S.;
8 providing eligibility for unemployment compensation
9 benefits for the spouses of a member of the military under
10 certain circumstances beginning on a date certain;
11 providing an effective date.

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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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15 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
16 443.101, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

17 443.101 Disqualification for benefits.--An individual
18 shall be disqualified for benefits:

19 (1)(a) For the week in which he or she has voluntarily
20 left his or her work without good cause attributable to his or
21 her employing unit or in which the individual has been
22 discharged by his or her employing unit for misconduct connected
23 with his or her work, based on a finding by the Agency for

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24 Workforce Innovation. As used in this paragraph, the term "work"
25 means any work, whether full-time, part-time, or temporary.

26 1. Disqualification for voluntarily quitting continues for
27 the full period of unemployment next ensuing after he or she has
28 left his or her full-time, part-time, or temporary work
29 voluntarily without good cause and until the individual has
30 earned income equal to or in excess of 17 times his or her
31 weekly benefit amount. As used in this subsection, the term
32 "good cause" includes only that cause attributable to the
33 employing unit or which consists of illness or disability of the
34 individual requiring separation from his or her work. Any other
35 disqualification may not be imposed. An individual is not
36 disqualified under this subsection for voluntarily leaving
37 temporary work to return immediately when called to work by the
38 permanent employing unit that temporarily terminated his or her
39 work within the previous 6 calendar months. For benefit years
40 beginning on or after July 1, 2004, an individual is not
41 disqualified under this subsection for voluntarily leaving work
42 to relocate as a result of his or her military-connected
43 spouse's permanent change of station orders, activation orders,
44 or unit deployment orders.

45 2. Disqualification for being discharged for misconduct
46 connected with his or her work continues for the full period of
47 unemployment next ensuing after having been discharged and until
48 the individual has become reemployed and has earned income of at
49 least 17 times his or her weekly benefit amount and for not more
50 than 52 weeks that immediately follow that week, as determined
51 by the Agency for Workforce Innovation in each case according to

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52 | the circumstances in each case or the seriousness of the
53 | misconduct, under the agency's rules adopted for determinations
54 | of disqualification for benefits for misconduct.

55 | Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.