

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to unemployment compensation for spouses
 3 of members of the military; amending s. 443.101, F.S.;
 4 providing eligibility for unemployment compensation
 5 benefits for the spouses of a member of the military under
 6 certain circumstances beginning on a date certain;
 7 providing an effective date.

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

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 11 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
 12 443.101, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13 443.101 Disqualification for benefits.--An individual
 14 shall be disqualified for benefits:

15 (1)(a) For the week in which he or she has voluntarily
 16 left his or her work without good cause attributable to his or
 17 her employing unit or in which the individual has been
 18 discharged by his or her employing unit for misconduct connected
 19 with his or her work, based on a finding by the Agency for
 20 Workforce Innovation. As used in this paragraph, the term "work"
 21 means any work, whether full-time, part-time, or temporary.

22 1. Disqualification for voluntarily quitting continues for
 23 the full period of unemployment next ensuing after he or she has
 24 left his or her full-time, part-time, or temporary work
 25 voluntarily without good cause and until the individual has
 26 earned income equal to or in excess of 17 times his or her
 27 weekly benefit amount. As used in this subsection, the term
 28 "good cause" includes only that cause attributable to the

29 | employing unit or which consists of illness or disability of the
30 | individual requiring separation from his or her work. Any other
31 | disqualification may not be imposed. An individual is not
32 | disqualified under this subsection for voluntarily leaving
33 | temporary work to return immediately when called to work by the
34 | permanent employing unit that temporarily terminated his or her
35 | work within the previous 6 calendar months. For benefit years
36 | beginning on or after July 1, 2004, an individual is not
37 | disqualified under this subsection for voluntarily leaving work
38 | to relocate as a result of his or her military-connected
39 | spouse's permanent change of station orders, activation orders,
40 | or unit deployment orders.

41 | 2. Disqualification for being discharged for misconduct
42 | connected with his or her work continues for the full period of
43 | unemployment next ensuing after having been discharged and until
44 | the individual has become reemployed and has earned income of at
45 | least 17 times his or her weekly benefit amount and for not more
46 | than 52 weeks that immediately follow that week, as determined
47 | by the Agency for Workforce Innovation in each case according to
48 | the circumstances in each case or the seriousness of the
49 | misconduct, under the agency's rules adopted for determinations
50 | of disqualification for benefits for misconduct.

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