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HOUSE BILL 597

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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AN ACT

RELATING TO UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION; PROVIDING BENEFIT
ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS FOR CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE SESSION
EMPLOYEES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of the Unemployment Compensation
Law is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] BENEFIT ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN TEMPORARY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION EMPLOYEES.--

A. As used in this section, "temporary legislative
session employee" means an individual who has been employed by
the New Mexico legislative branch but who has not been so
employed for more than six consecutive months of the previous
twelve months or nine of the previous twelve months.

B. The following benefit eligibility conditions

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1 apply to a temporary legislative session employee:

2 (1) except as provided in Paragraph (2) of
3 this subsection, a temporary legislative session employee shall
4 be ineligible for a week of unemployment benefits that
5 commences during a period between two regular sessions of the
6 legislature unless the individual establishes to the
7 satisfaction of the secretary that the individual is available
8 for and is making an active search for permanent full-time
9 work; and

10 (2) a temporary legislative session employee
11 who has been employed by the New Mexico legislative branch
12 during two successive regular sessions of the legislature shall
13 be presumed to be unavailable for permanent new work during any
14 period beginning after a regular session of the legislature
15 that the individual was employed as a temporary legislative
16 session employee and ending at the commencement of the next
17 regular session of the legislature."

18 **SECTION 2. APPLICABILITY OF ACT.**--The provisions of this
19 act apply to determinations of eligibility and benefit amounts
20 for unemployment compensation claims initially filed on or
21 after July 1, 2011.