

SENATE FILE NO. SF0090

Unemployment insurance-spouse of deployed military.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Ross, Esquibel, F. and Sessions
and Representative(s) Anderson, R., Byrd,
Edmonds, Esquibel, K., Illoway, Pedersen and
Throne

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to unemployment insurance benefits;
2 authorizing unemployment benefits for eligible spouses of
3 deployed military personnel as specified; requiring a
4 report; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 27-3-311(a)(i)(B), (C) and by
9 creating a new subparagraph (D) is amended to read:

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11 **27-3-311. Disqualifications from entitlement;**
12 **grounds; forfeiture.**

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14 (a) An individual shall be disqualified from benefit
15 entitlement beginning with the effective date of an

1 otherwise valid claim or the week during which the failure
2 occurred, until he has been employed in an employee-
3 employer relationship and has earned at least eight (8)
4 times the weekly benefit amount of his current claim for
5 services after that date, if the department finds that he:

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7 (i) Left his most recent work voluntarily
8 without good cause attributable directly to his employment,
9 except:

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11 (B) If returning to approved training which
12 meets the requirements of W.S. 27-3-307; ~~or~~

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14 (C) If forced to leave the most recent work
15 as a result of being a victim of documented domestic
16 violence; ~~or~~ or

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18 (D) If unemployed as a result of relocation
19 due to the transfer of the unemployed individual's spouse,
20 either within or outside the state, from which it is
21 impractical to commute to the place of employment, and upon
22 arrival at the new residence, the individual is in all
23 respects able and available for suitable work and registers
24 for work with the department of workforce services or an

equivalent agency of another state where the individual is
residing. To qualify under this subparagraph, the
individual shall be married to a member of the United
States armed forces whose relocation is the result of an
assignment on active duty as defined in 10 U.S.C.
101(d)(1), active guard or reserve duty as defined in 10
U.S.C. 101(d)(6), or active duty pursuant to title 10 or 32
of the United States Code. Any benefits awarded under this
subparagraph shall be noncharged benefits and shall not
affect an employer's experience rating account. This
subparagraph is repealed effective July 1, 2018.

Section 2. The department of employment, unemployment insurance division, shall maintain records regarding the number of individuals claiming and awarded benefits and the amount of benefits awarded to individuals under W.S. 27-3-306(a)(i)(D), created by section 1 of this act. Not later than December 31, 2010 and not later than each December 31 of each year thereafter that benefits are provided under W.S. 27-3-306(a)(i)(D), the department shall submit a report to the joint labor, health and social services interim committee, detailing the number of claimants and amounts awarded pursuant to W.S. 27-3-306(a)(i)(D).

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2 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2009.

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