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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring proof of seeking work for unemployment
2 compensation benefits; and amending RCW 50.20.010.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 50.20.010 and 1995 c 381 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 An unemployed individual shall be eligible to receive waiting
7 period credits or benefits with respect to any week in his or her
8 eligibility period only if the commissioner finds that:

9 (1) He or she has registered for work at, and thereafter has
10 continued to report at, an employment office in accordance with such
11 regulation as the commissioner may prescribe, except that the
12 commissioner may by regulation waive or alter either or both of the
13 requirements of this subdivision as to individuals attached to regular
14 jobs and as to such other types of cases or situations with respect to
15 which the commissioner finds that the compliance with such requirements
16 would be oppressive, or would be inconsistent with the purposes of this
17 title;

1 (2) He or she has filed an application for an initial determination
2 and made a claim for waiting period credit or for benefits in
3 accordance with the provisions of this title;

4 (3) He or she is able to work, and is available for work in any
5 trade, occupation, profession, or business for which he or she is
6 reasonably fitted. To be available for work an individual must be
7 ready, able, and willing, immediately to accept any suitable work which
8 may be offered to him or her and must be actively seeking work pursuant
9 to customary trade practices and through other methods when so directed
10 by the commissioner or the commissioner's agents. An individual who
11 has received five or more weeks of benefits under this title must
12 provide evidence of seeking work, as directed by the commissioner or
13 commissioner's agents, for each week beyond five in which a claim is
14 filed, including providing at least three different employer contacts
15 per week acknowledging that the individual had sought work with the
16 employer;

17 (4) He or she has been unemployed for a waiting period of one week;

18 (5) He or she participates in reemployment services if the
19 individual has been referred to reemployment services pursuant to the
20 profiling system established by the commissioner under RCW 50.20.011,
21 unless the commissioner determines that:

22 (a) The individual has completed such services; or

23 (b) There is justifiable cause for the claimant's failure to
24 participate in such services; and

25 (6) As to weeks beginning after March 31, 1981, which fall within
26 an extended benefit period as defined in RCW 50.22.010, the individual
27 meets the terms and conditions of RCW 50.22.020 with respect to
28 benefits claimed in excess of twenty-six times the individual's weekly
29 benefit amount.

30 An individual's eligibility period for regular benefits shall be
31 coincident to his or her established benefit year. An individual's
32 eligibility period for additional or extended benefits shall be the
33 periods prescribed elsewhere in this title for such benefits.

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