

Amend **CSHB 481** (Senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) Strike SECTION 2 of the bill, added Section 204.022(f), Labor Code (page 1, lines 27-31).

(2) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill appropriately:

SECTION _____. Section 204.022(a), Labor Code, as amended by Chapters 77, 526, and 817, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(a) Benefits computed on benefit wage credits of an employee or former employee may not be charged to the account of an employer if the employee's last separation from the employer's employment before the employee's benefit year:

(1) was required by a federal statute;

(2) was required by a statute of this state or an ordinance of a municipality of this state;

(3) would have disqualified the employee under Section 207.044, 207.045, 207.051, or 207.053 if the employment had been the employee's last work;

(4) imposes a disqualification under Section 207.044, 207.045, 207.051, or 207.053;

(5) was caused by a medically verifiable illness of the employee or the employee's minor child;

(6) was based on a natural disaster that results in a disaster declaration by the president of the United States under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. Section 5121 et seq.), if the employee would have been entitled to unemployment assistance benefits under Section 410 of that act (42 U.S.C. Section 5177) had the employee not received state unemployment compensation benefits;

(7) was caused by a natural disaster, fire, flood, or explosion that causes employees to be separated from one employer's employment;

(8) was based on a disaster that results in a disaster declaration by the governor under Section 418.014, Government Code;

(9) resulted from the employee's resigning from partial employment to accept other employment that the employee reasonably believed would increase the employee's weekly wage; [~~or~~]

(10) [~~(9)~~] was caused by the employer being called to active military service in any branch of the United States armed forces on or after January 1, 2003;

(11) [~~(9)~~] resulted from the employee leaving the employee's workplace to protect the employee from family violence or stalking as evidenced by:

(A) an active or recently issued protective order documenting family violence against, or the stalking of, the employee or the potential for family violence against, or the stalking of, the employee;

(B) a police record documenting family violence against, or the stalking of, the employee; and

(C) a physician's statement or other medical documentation of family violence against the employee; or

(12) was caused by the employee being unable to perform the work as a result of a disability for which the employee is receiving disability insurance benefits under 42 U.S.C. Section 423.

(3) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill appropriately:

SECTION _____. (a) The Texas Workforce Commission shall conduct a study on unemployment compensation benefits paid to persons who are eligible under Section 207.0211, Labor Code, as added by this Act. The study must include a statistical analysis of persons who are qualified for benefits under Section 207.0211, the number of persons who receive benefits under that section, the average length of time that the benefits are paid, the amounts of the benefits, and any other information relevant to an analysis of the change in law made by this Act.

(b) The Texas Workforce Commission shall report the results of the study under this section to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the legislature not later than December 1, 2006.