

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

According to precedent set by the Texas Workforce Commission, a person must be seeking fulltime work to receive partial unemployment benefits. As a result of this precedent, persons with disabilities that prevent them from working a full-time job are unable to receive partial unemployment benefits after being discharged from their part-time job. H.B. 481 allows persons with disabilities who are seeking part-time work to be eligible to receive partial unemployment benefits.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter B, Chapter 207, Labor Code, by adding Section 207.0211, as follows:

Section 207.0211. ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN DISABLED PERSONS. Provides that a permanently disabled individual is considered to be able to work under Section 207.021(a)(3) and available for work for purposes of Section 207.021(a)(4) if, as a result of the individual's disability, the individual meets certain criteria.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2005.