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H.B. No. 481

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility for unemployment benefits of certain persons with disabilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 207, Labor Code, is amended by adding Section 207.0211 to read as follows:

Sec. 207.0211. ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN DISABLED PERSONS. 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:

(1) is unable to work full-time;

(2) has worked part-time during a substantial part of the individual's base period;

(3) is seeking part-time work consistent with the limitations imposed by the individual's disability; and

(4) is receiving disability insurance benefits under 42 U.S.C. Section 423.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a claim for unemployment compensation benefits that is filed with the Texas Workforce Commission on or after the effective date of this Act. A claim filed before that date is governed by the law in effect on the date the claim was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.