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S.B. No. 1581

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to eligibility for unemployment compensation benefits based on the claimant's availability to do part-time work.

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

SECTION 1. Section 207.021, Labor Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) An individual is available for work for purposes of Subsection (a)(4) even if the individual is available only for part-time work if:

(1) the individual establishes to the satisfaction of the commission that the individual has a legitimate reason to limit the individual's employment to part-time work; and

(2) the individual's last work was part-time work.

SECTION 2. Section 207.021(d), Labor Code, as added by this Act, applies only to eligibility for unemployment compensation benefits based on a claim that is filed with the Texas Workforce Commission on or after the effective date of this Act. A claim filed before the effective date of this Act 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.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.