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S.B. No. 377

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 SECTION 2. Section 207.021(d), Labor Code, as added by this  
15 Act, applies only to eligibility for unemployment compensation  
16 benefits based on a claim that is filed with the Texas Workforce  
17 Commission on or after the effective date of this Act. A claim  
18 filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law  
19 in effect on the date the claim was filed, and the former law is  
20 continued in effect for that purpose.

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.