

1 _____ BILL NO. _____

2 INTRODUCED BY _____
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

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6 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT;
7 AMENDING SECTION 39-51-2101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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11 **Section 1.** Section 39-51-2101, MCA, is amended to read:

12 **"39-51-2101. Total unemployment -- when.** (1) An individual is considered to be totally unemployed
13 in any week during which the individual:

14 (a) did not perform any work in employment and did not earn any wages for employment; or

15 (b) except as provided in subsection (2):

16 (i) due to a lack of work, worked fewer than the hours that are typically worked in employment by the
17 individual; and

18 (ii) earned wages payable to the individual that are less than ~~two times~~ 150% of the individual's weekly
19 benefit amount.

20 (2) An individual is not considered to be unemployed in any week in which the individual works at least
21 40 hours in employment."

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23 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2013.

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