

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 468

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT IN ORDER TO RECEIVE UNEMPLOYMENT
5 BENEFITS, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A JOB-ATTACHED WORKER MUST MEET THE SAME
6 REQUIREMENTS FOR SEEKING WORK AS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT A JOB-ATTACHED WORKER;
7 PROVIDING A DEFINITION; AND AMENDING SECTION 39-51-2104, MCA."

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

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11 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Job-attached individuals to actively seek employment. (1) A job-
12 attached worker who has been job-attached for longer than 10 ~~months~~ weeks must meet the same
13 requirements for seeking work as an individual who is not a job-attached worker to be eligible for
14 unemployment benefits.

15 (2) For the purposes of this section, "job-attached" means that:

16 (a) an individual has a definite or approximate date of hire or recall to insured work at which the
17 individual will be regularly scheduled to work 30 or more hours a week; or

18 (b) an individual is employed in insured work on a less than full-time basis but has a reasonable
19 expectation that the work will become full-time.

20 (3) This section does not apply to ~~any employees of a labor organization as defined in 40-5-901~~
21 union-attached employees as defined in department rule.

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23 **Section 2.** Section 39-51-2104, MCA, is amended to read:

24 **"39-51-2104. General benefit eligibility conditions.** (1) An unemployed individual, including an alien
25 entitled to benefits under the provisions of 39-51-2110, is eligible to receive benefits for any week of total
26 unemployment within the individual's benefit year only if the department finds that the individual:

27 (a) has filed a claim and has filed continued claims in accordance with rules that the department
28 may prescribe;