SENATE BILL 86

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By: **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1   AN ACT concerning

2   **Unemployment Insurance – Exemption From Actively Seeking Work**
3   **Requirement – Repeal**

4   FOR the purpose of repealing the prohibition on denying unemployment benefits to
5   individuals who are at least 60 years old and who have been furloughed temporarily
6   and are subject to recall for failing to actively seek work; providing for the application
7   of this Act; and generally relating to exemptions from the actively seeking work
8   requirement in unemployment insurance law.

9   BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10   Article – Labor and Employment
11   Section 8–907
12   Annotated Code of Maryland
13   (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

14   SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
15   That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Labor and Employment

17   8–907.

18   **[**(a)**]**   An individual may not be denied benefits for any week of unemployment for
19   failure to meet the requirements of § 8–903(a)(1) of this subtitle to be able to work, be
20   available to work, and actively seeking work if the failure results from a summons to appear
21   for jury duty.

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
   [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

1   **[**(b)   An individual may not be denied benefits for any week of unemployment for
2 failure to meet the requirement of § 8–903(a)(1)(iii) of this subtitle to seek work actively if
3 the individual:

4   (1)   is at least 60 years old; and

5   (2)   has been furloughed temporarily and is subject to recall.**]**

6   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply only to
7 initial and reopened unemployment insurance claims filed on or after July 3, 2016.

8   SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
9 1, 2016.