EMERGENCY BILL

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an individual shall be:

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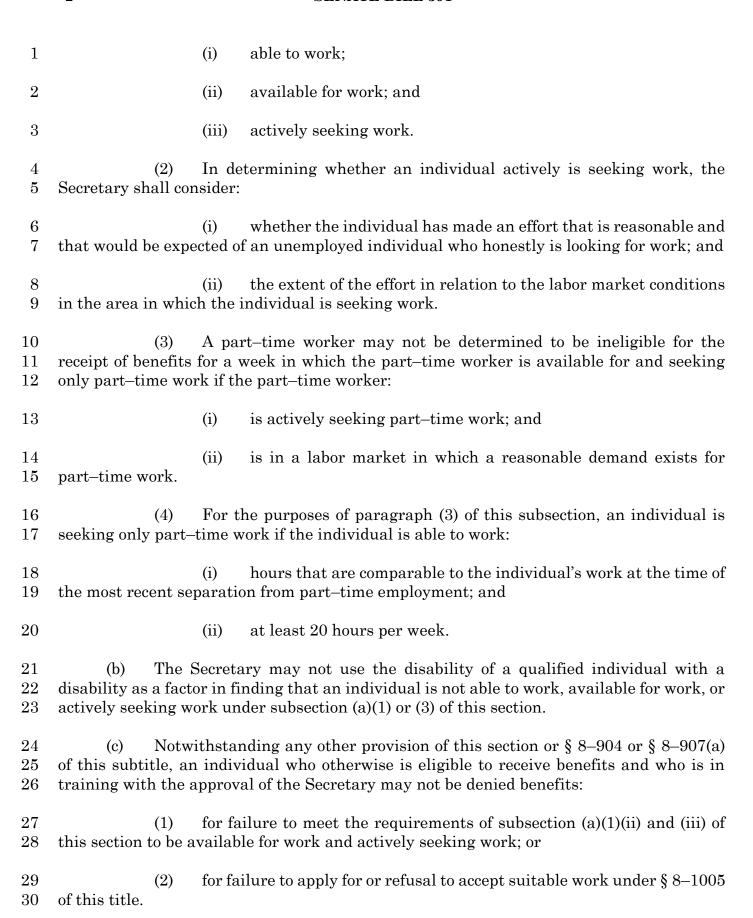
1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Unemployment Insurance – Civilian Federal Employees – Benefits (Federal Shutdown Paycheck Protection Act)
4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	FOR the purpose of specifying that, notwithstanding certain provisions of law, an individual who is a civilian employee of the federal government is eligible to receive unemployment benefits under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to request certain documentation from the U.S. Department of Labor within a certain time period after the taking effect of this Act; making a certain provision of this Act subject to a certain contingency; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to unemployment benefits for civilian federal employees.
12 13 14 15 16	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Labor and Employment Section 8–903 Annotated Code of Maryland (2016 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)
17 18	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
19	Article – Labor and Employment

Except as otherwise provided in this section, to be eligible for benefits

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.





- NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE, AN 1 (D) 2 INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS 3 ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS IF:
- 4 **(1)** THE EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO REPORT TO WORK AT A WORK 5 SITE LOCATED IN THE STATE; AND
- 6 **(2)** THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS IN A FULL OR PARTIAL SHUTDOWN DUE TO A LAPSE IN APPROPRIATIONS.

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SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, within 24 hours after the taking effect of this Act, the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall request a determination letter from the U.S. Department of Labor confirming continued conformity of the Maryland Unemployment Insurance Law, as amended by Section 1 of this Act, with federal unemployment compensation program requirements.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take effect contingent on the receipt by the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation of a favorable determination letter from the U.S. Department of Labor confirming that the Maryland Unemployment Insurance Law, as amended by Section 1 of this Act, conforms with federal unemployment compensation program requirements. Section 1 of this Act shall take effect on the date notice of the letter is received by the Department of Legislative Services in accordance with this section. If the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation does not receive a favorable determination letter or the U.S. Department of Labor determines that implementation of the Maryland Unemployment Insurance Law, as amended by Section 1 of this Act, would result in a loss of federal funding, Section 1 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be null and void. The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, within 24 hours after receiving the determination letter from the U.S. Department of Labor, shall forward a copy of the letter to the Department of Legislative Services, 90 State Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 3 of this Act, this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.