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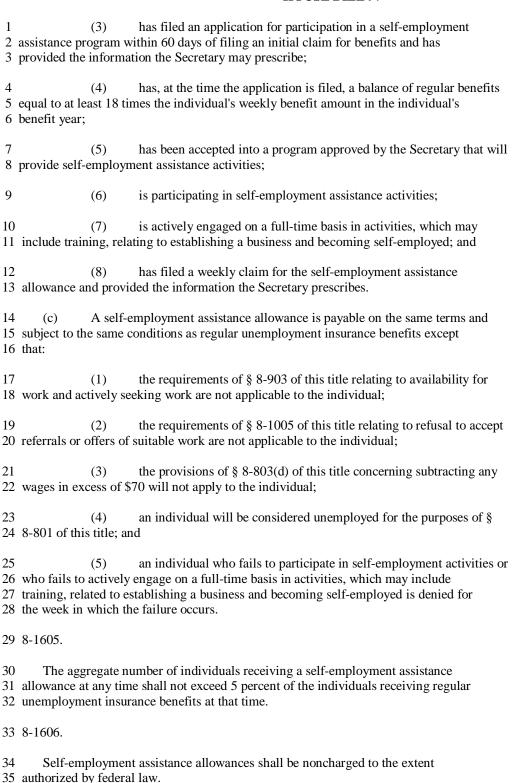
A BILL ENTITLED
AN ACT concerning
Unemployment Insurance - Self-Employment Assistance Program - Repeal of Termination Date
FOR the purpose of repealing the termination date for the Self-Employment Assistance Program; repealing certain plan approval requirements; and generally relating to the Self-Employment Assistance Program.
BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article - Labor and Employment Section 8-1601 through 8-1608 Annotated Code of Maryland (1999 Replacement Volume)
BY repealing Chapter 332 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995, as amended by Chapter 309 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1999 Section 3
BY repealing Chapter 332 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995 Section 4
SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
Article - Labor and Employment
8-1601.
(a) In this subtitle the following terms have the meanings indicated.

"Self-employment assistance activities" means activities approved by the

25 Secretary in which an individual participates for the purpose of establishing a

- 1 business and becoming self-employed. Self-employment assistance activities may
- 2 include, but are not limited to, entrepreneurial training, business counseling, and
- 3 technical assistance.
- 4 (c) "Self-employment assistance allowance" means an allowance payable, in
- 5 lieu of regular unemployment insurance benefits, from the unemployment insurance
- 6 trust fund to an individual who meets the requirements of this subtitle.
- 7 (d) "Self-employment assistance program" means a program under which an
- 8 individual who meets the requirements described in § 8-1604 of this subtitle is
- 9 eligible to receive an allowance in lieu of regular unemployment insurance benefits
- 10 for the purpose of assisting that individual in establishing a business and becoming
- 11 self-employed.
- 12 (e) "Regular benefits" means benefits payable to an individual under this title,
- 13 including benefits payable to federal civilian employees and to ex-servicemembers as
- 14 defined in 5 U.S.C. § 8521(a) who are eligible for unemployment insurance benefits
- 15 for ex-servicemembers under 5 U.S.C. § 8521.
- 16 8-1602.
- 17 Unless the result would be inconsistent with this subtitle, the provisions of this
- 18 title that apply to claims for or the payment of regular benefits shall apply to
- 19 self-employment assistance allowances.
- 20 8-1603.
- 21 (a) The weekly amount of a self-employment assistance allowance payable to
- 22 an individual under this subtitle is equal to the weekly benefit amount for regular
- 23 benefits otherwise payable under this title.
- 24 (b) The maximum self-employment assistance allowance paid under this
- 25 subtitle may not exceed the maximum amount of benefits established under § 8-808
- 26 of this title.
- 27 8-1604.
- 28 (a) Self-employment assistance benefits will be payable pursuant to the
- 29 eligibility requirements of this subtitle.
- 30 (b) An individual may be paid a self-employment assistance allowance if the
- 31 individual:
- 32 (1) is determined eligible to be paid regular unemployment insurance
- 33 benefits except for the requirements described in subsection (c) of this section;
- 34 (2) is identified by a worker profiling system, as outlined in the Code of
- 35 Maryland Regulations, as an individual likely to exhaust regular unemployment
- 36 insurance benefits;

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- 2 An application for review of the decision of an individual who is not accepted
- 3 into the self-employment assistance program may be filed with the Secretary within
- 4 15 days after the Secretary mailed or otherwise delivered the decision.
- 5 8-1608.
- 6 The Secretary may adopt regulations to implement a self-employment
- 7 assistance program, including, but not limited to, criteria for approval of programs
- 8 that provide self-employment assistance activities and eligibility criteria for
- 9 acceptance into and participation in these programs.

## 10 Chapter 332 of the Acts of 1995, as amended by Chapter 309 of the Acts of 1999

- 12 [SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That subject to Section 4 of
- 13 this Act, this Act shall remain effective until June 1, 2000, and with no further action
- 14 required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force
- 15 and effect.]

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## Chapter 332 of the Acts of 1995

- 17 [SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall terminate
- 18 as provided in Section 3 of this Act, as of the effective date of the withdrawal of
- 19 approval of any plan required by the United States Department of Labor, or as of the
- 20 week preceding the week containing the date when federal law no longer authorizes
- 21 self-employment assistance programs, whichever is earlier.]
- 22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 23 June 1, 2000.