

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 541

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Hurson” and substitute “Hurson, Hecht, Howard, Lee, Mandel, and Valderrama”; in line 6, strike “requirements are met” and substitute “consent is given; requiring an individual to submit to the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation certain information under certain circumstances”; strike beginning with “providing” in line 6 down through “violence;” in line 8 and substitute “requiring the Secretary to consider whether an individual has sought certain work in determining whether the individual actively is seeking work;”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 10 down through “determinations;” in line 12; in line 14, after “times” insert “; providing for the termination of this Act”; in line 18, strike “8-907,” and substitute “8-903, and”; in the same line, strike “; 8-1003, and 8-1005”; and in line 28, strike “8-903” and substitute “8-907”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 25 on page 2 through line 12 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“(A) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT DISCLOSE ANY DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OBTAINED IN VERIFYING AN INDIVIDUAL’S CLAIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, INCLUDING THE INDIVIDUAL’S STATEMENT AND ANY CORROBORATING EVIDENCE, UNLESS CONSENT FOR THE DISCLOSURE IS GIVEN BY THE INDIVIDUAL.

(B) FOR THE PURPOSE OF VERIFYING A CLAIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL SUBMIT:

(1) A RESTRAINING ORDER OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION OF EQUITABLE RELIEF ISSUED BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION;

(Over)

- (2) A POLICE RECORD DOCUMENTING THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE;
- (3) MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE;

(4) A STATEMENT PROVIDED BY A COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, HEALTH WORKER, MEMBER OF THE CLERGY, SHELTER WORKER, LEGAL ADVOCATE, OR OTHER PROFESSIONAL WHO HAS ASSISTED THE INDIVIDUAL IN ADDRESSING THE EFFECTS OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ON THE INDIVIDUAL; OR

(5) A SWORN STATEMENT FROM THE INDIVIDUAL ATTESTING TO THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, in line 23, strike “and”; and in line 25, after “work” insert “; AND

(III) WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL HAS SOUGHT WORK THAT ACCOMMODATES THE INDIVIDUAL’S NEED TO ADDRESS THE PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, AND LEGAL EFFECTS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE”.

On page 4, strike in their entirety lines 19 through 26, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 5, in line 16, strike “OR THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 5, in line 14, after “(3)” insert “(I)”; in lines 18, 20, 22, 24, and 27, strike “(I)”, “(II)”, “(III)”, “(IV)”, and “(V)”, respectively, and substitute “1.”, “2.”, “3.”, “4.”, and “5.”, respectively; and after line 29, insert:

“(II) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH BECOMES INELIGIBLE IF THE INDIVIDUAL REMAINS IN OR RETURNS TO THE ABUSIVE SITUATION THAT CAUSED THE INDIVIDUAL TO LEAVE WORK.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On pages 6 through 8, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 23 on page 6

through line 21 on page 8, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 8, in line 28, after “violence” insert “so that employment separations stemming from domestic violence are reliably screened and adjudicated, and that victims of domestic violence are able to take advantage of the full range of job services provided by the Department”.

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 8, in line 30, after the period insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of September 30, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.