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By: **Senator Stone**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Unemployment Insurance - Earned Rating Record - State of Emergency**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting unemployment benefits paid to a claimant from being
4 charged against the earned rating record of an employer if the claimant becomes
5 unemployed as a direct result of the consequences of any event for which the
6 Governor has declared a state of emergency; and generally relating to the
7 charging provisions of unemployment benefits.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Labor and Employment
10 Section 8-611(e)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Labor and Employment**

16 8-611.

17 (e) The Secretary may not charge benefits paid to a claimant against the
18 earned rating record of an employing unit if:

19 (1) the claimant left employment voluntarily without good cause
20 attributable to the employing unit;

21 (2) the claimant was discharged by the employing unit for gross
22 misconduct as defined in § 8-1002 of this title;

23 (3) the claimant was discharged by the employing unit for aggravated
24 misconduct as defined in § 8-1002.1 of this title;

25 (4) the claimant left employment voluntarily to accept better
26 employment or enter training approved by the Secretary; [or]

1 (5) the employing unit participates in a work release program that is
2 designed to give an inmate of a correctional institution an opportunity to work while
3 imprisoned and unemployment was the result of the claimant's release from prison;
4 OR

5 (6) THE CLAIMANT WAS UNEMPLOYED AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE
6 CONSEQUENCES OF ANY EVENT FOR WHICH THE GOVERNOR DECLARED A STATE OF
7 EMERGENCY UNDER § 3-401(1) OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
9 effect October 1, 2004.