

HOUSE BILL 206

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By: **Delegate Cardin**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2010

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Unemployment Insurance – Disqualification – Imprisonment for Felony**
3 **Conviction**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring disqualification of an individual from receiving
5 unemployment insurance benefits if the individual leaves employment to serve
6 a sentence of imprisonment for a felony conviction; and generally relating to
7 disqualification from receiving unemployment insurance benefits.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Labor and Employment
10 Section 8–1001(d)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
14 Article – Labor and Employment
15 Section 8–1001(e)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Labor and Employment**

21 8–1001.

22 (d) In addition to other circumstances for which a disqualification may be
23 imposed, neither good cause nor a valid circumstance exists and a disqualification
24 shall be imposed if an individual leaves employment:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) to become self-employed;

2 (2) to accompany a spouse to a new location or to join a spouse in a
3 new location, unless the requirements of subsection (c)(1)(iii) of this section are met;
4 [or]

5 (3) to attend an educational institution; **OR**

6 **(4) TO SERVE A SENTENCE OF IMPRISONMENT IMPOSED FOR A**
7 **FELONY CONVICTION.**

8 (e) A disqualification under this section:

9 (1) shall begin with the first week for which unemployment is caused
10 by voluntarily leaving without good cause; and

11 (2) subject to subsection (c) of this section, shall continue:

12 (i) if a valid circumstance exists, for a total of at least 5 but not
13 more than 10 weeks, as determined by the Secretary based on the seriousness of the
14 circumstance; or

15 (ii) if a valid circumstance does not exist, until the individual is
16 reemployed and has earned wages for covered employment that equal at least 15 times
17 the weekly benefit amount of the individual.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2010.