

pealed and re-enacted, with amendments; that Sections 20(k) and 20(n) of the same article, title and subtitle, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; ~~that Sections 20(k) and 20(n) of the same article, title and subtitle, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments;~~ that Section 21 of the same article and title, subtitle "Transitional Provisions," be and it is hereby repealed; and that new Section 21, be and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the section repealed and to be under the new subtitle "Extended Unemployment Insurance Benefits"; all to read as follows:

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Any unemployed individual shall be eligible to receive benefits with respect to any week only if the Executive Director finds that—

(a) Registering and reporting for work.—He has registered for work at and thereafter continued to report at an employment office in accordance with such regulations as the Executive Director may prescribe, except that the Executive Director may, by regulation waive or alter either or both of the requirements of this subsection as to individuals attached to regular jobs and as to such types of cases or situations with respect to which **[it]** he finds that compliance with such requirements would be oppressive, or would be inconsistent with the purposes of this article; provided that no such regulation shall conflict with Section 3(a) of this article.

(c) Ability to work and availability for work.—He is able to work, and is available for work; provided no claimant shall be considered ineligible in any week of unemployment for failure to comply with provisions of this subsection if such failure is due to an illness or disability which occurs after he has registered for work and no work which would have been considered suitable at the time of his initial registration has been offered after the beginning of such illness or disability. As used in this subsection, the term "available for work" shall mean, among other things, that a claimant is actively seeking work. In determining whether or not the claimant has actively sought work, the Executive Director shall consider whether the efforts he has made to obtain work have been reasonable and are such efforts as an unemployed individual is expected to make if he is honestly looking for work. The extent of the effort required shall depend upon labor market conditions in the claimant's area.

Provided, that when an employer closes its entire plant or any portion of the plant for a vacation or inventory or other purpose causing unemployment for a certain and definable period not exceeding three weeks in any benefit year, the Executive Director is authorized to exempt the employees who thereby become unemployed from producing evidence required under this section of the law, if it is found by the Executive Director that the circumstances and labor market conditions justify such exemptions; however, such employees must comply with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section and must be able to work and otherwise available for work. Exemption may be granted only with regard to a specific plant shutdown, and shall not be construed to exempt any claimant ~~for~~ FROM meeting the requirements of this article that he is able to work and otherwise fully available for work.