

Article - Labor and Employment

Section 8-903

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Volume and 1992 Supplement)

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

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(a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, to be eligible for benefits an individual shall be:

- (i) able to work;
- (ii) available for work; and
- (iii) actively seeking work.

(2) In determining whether an individual actively is seeking work, the Secretary shall consider:

(i) whether the individual has made an effort that is reasonable and that would be expected of an unemployed individual who honestly is looking for work; and

(ii) the extent of the effort in relation to the labor market conditions in the area in which the individual is seeking work.

(b) The Secretary may not use [blindness or another severe] THE disability OF A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY as a factor in finding that an individual is not able to work under subsection (a)(1)(i) of this section [if the individual was an employee of Blind Industries and Services of Maryland immediately before becoming unemployed].

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or § 8-904 or § 8-907(a) or (b) of this subtitle, an individual who otherwise is eligible to receive benefits and who is in training with the approval of the Secretary may not be denied benefits:

(1) for failure to meet the requirements of subsection (a)(1)(i) and (iii) of this section to be available for work and actively seeking work; or

(2) for failure to apply for or refusal to accept suitable work under § 8-1005 of this title.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1993.

Approved April 26, 1993.