

HOUSE BILL NO. 464

INTRODUCED BY ELLERD

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

IN THE HOUSE

January 24, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Labor and Industry.
January 28, 1981	Fiscal note requested.
February 2, 1981	Fiscal note returned.
February 11, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted. Statement of Intent attached.
February 12, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 13, 1981	Second reading, pass consideration until the 37th Legislative Day.
February 16, 1981	Do pass as amended.
February 17, 1981	Correctly engrossed.
February 18, 1981	Third reading, passed. Yea, 93, Nays, 2. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

February 19, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Labor and Employment Relations.
March 3, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 5, 1981	Second reading, concurred in.
March 7, 1981	Third reading, concurred in. Yea, 44; Nays, 0.

IN THE HOUSE

March 9, 1981

Returned from Senate. Concurred in. Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAW REGARDING DISQUALIFICATIONS FOR EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS AND TO REDEFINE THE DISQUALIFICATION FOR EXTENDED BENEFITS FOR FAILURE TO APPLY FOR OR TO ACCEPT SUITABLE WORK; DEFINING SUITABLE WORK IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING SECTION 39-51-2508, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 39-51-2508, MCA, is amended to read:

"39-51-2508. Eligibility requirements for extended benefits --disqualifications defined. (1) An individual shall be eligible to receive extended benefits with respect to any week of unemployment in this eligibility period only if the division finds that with respect to such week:

(a) he is an exhaustee, as defined in 39-51-2501(6);

(b) he is not disqualified for the receipt of regular benefits pursuant to part 23 of this chapter and, if he is disqualified, he satisfies the requirements for requalification in that part, except that subsections (1), (2), and (4) of 39-51-2304 do not apply to this section; and

(c) he has satisfied the other requirements of this chapter for the receipt of regular benefits that are applicable to individuals claiming extended benefits.

(2) In addition to the disqualifications provided for in subsection (1)(b), an individual is disqualified for extended

benefits if he fails without good cause either to apply for available and suitable work, to accept suitable work offered to him, or, when so directed by the division, to return to his customary occupation, if any. Such disqualification continues for the week in which such failure occurs and until the individual has performed services, other than self-employment, for which remuneration is received equal to or in excess of his weekly benefit amount in 4 separate weeks subsequent to the date the act causing the disqualification occurred, with 4 weeks' reduction in benefit duration, as determined by the division, provided he has not left this work under disqualifying circumstances.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2), the division shall, by rule, define the term "suitable work". Such definition shall be in accordance with the definition required by the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1980, P.L. 96-499, and as may be amended after [the effective date of this act]."

Section 2. Effective date. This act is effective on passage and approval.

I hereby certify that the
within bill originated in
the House.

Chief Clerk

Speaker of the House
Signed this _____ day
of _____ 1981.

President of the Senate
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3 and as may be amended after [the effective date of this
4 act]."

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 236-81

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 28, 19 81, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 464 pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 4, Part 2 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA).

Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

Description of Proposed Legislation

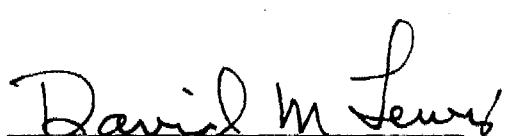
An act to clarify the law regarding disqualifications for extended unemployment insurance benefits.

Assumptions

1. There will be a state "off" indicator, pursuant to section 39-51-2505, MCA, beginning March, 1981.
2. Extended benefits will not be available by law through the biennium.

Fiscal Impact

None.



BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 2-2-81

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