

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 27, 2020

Introduced by Sen. GOUNARDES -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Labor

AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to permitting unemployment benefits in the case of voluntary separation from employment during the COVID-19 emergency

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 593 of the labor law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 1-a to read as follows:

3 1-a. Voluntary separation during the COVID-19 declared emergency. A
4 claimant shall not be disqualified from receiving benefits for voluntary
5 separation from employment during the period of declared emergency under
6 Executive Order 202, where such claimant; (a) is sixty-five years of age
7 or older; (b) has an underlying health condition that puts such employee
8 especially at-risk for severe illness from COVID-19, including, but not
9 limited to chronic pulmonary, lung, liver or kidney disease; or (c) such
10 claimant lives with a family member who is sixty-five years of age or
11 older or who has an underlying condition that puts them at-risk for
12 severe illness due to COVID-19 and such employment would result in
13 potential exposure to COVID-19.

14 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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