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DAVILA, DenDEKKER, FAHY, JAFFEE, KIM, LAVINE, MAYER, MOYA, ORTIZ,  
PERRY, ROBINSON, SKOUFIS, STECK -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Labor

AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to regulations promulgated  
for systematic and sustained efforts to find work for unemployment  
benefits

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 591 of the labor law, as amended  
2     by section 12 of part 0 of chapter 57 of the laws of 2013, is amended to  
3     read as follows:  
4     2. Availability, capability, and work search. No benefits shall be  
5     payable to any claimant who is not capable of work or who is not ready,  
6     willing and able to work in his or her usual employment or in any other  
7     for which he or she is reasonably fitted by training and experience and  
8     who is not actively seeking work. In order to be actively seeking work a  
9     claimant must be engaged in systematic and sustained efforts to find  
10    work. The commissioner shall promulgate regulations defining systematic  
11    and sustained efforts to find work and setting standards for the proof  
12    of work search efforts. SUCH REGULATIONS SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE  
13    NEED FOR CLAIMANTS TO PROVIDE CHILD CARE FOR THEIR CHILD OR CHILDREN,  
14    AND THE REGULATIONS SHALL ENSURE THAT SUCH CLAIMANTS ARE ABLE TO SATISFY  
15    THE STANDARDS FOR PROOF OF WORK SEARCH EFFORTS.  
16    S 2. This act shall take effect on the same date as the reversion of  
17    subdivision 2 of section 591 of the labor law as provided in section 10  
18    of chapter 413 of the laws of 2003, as amended.

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

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